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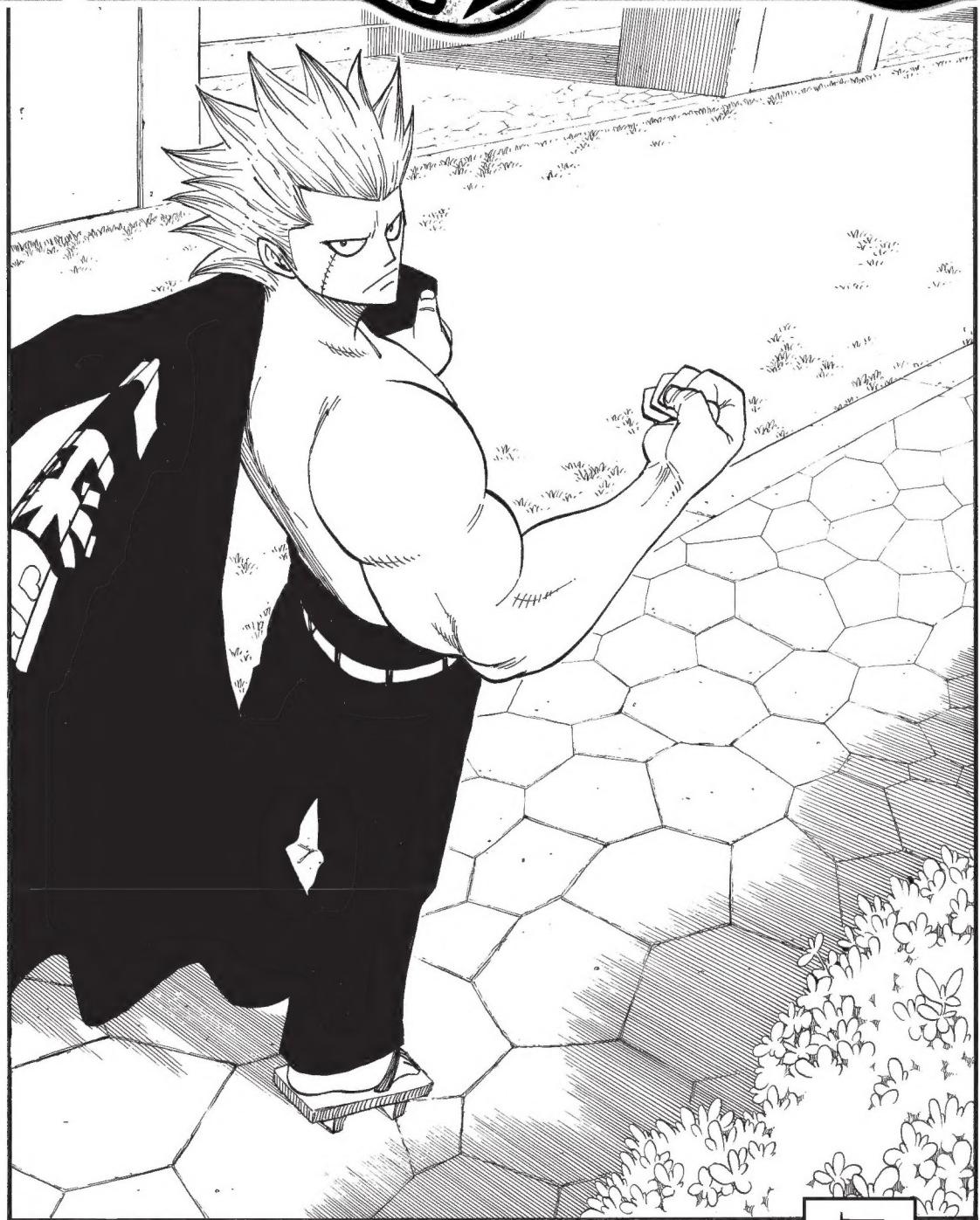
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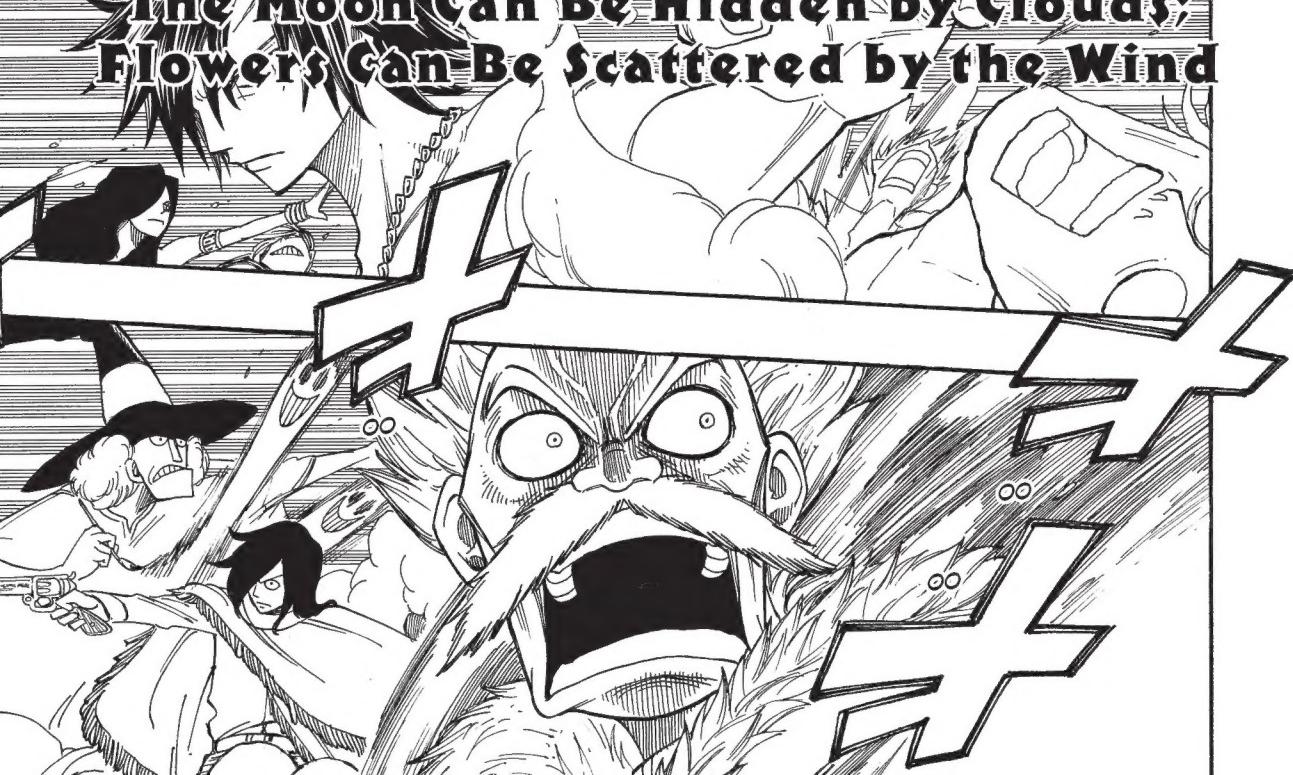
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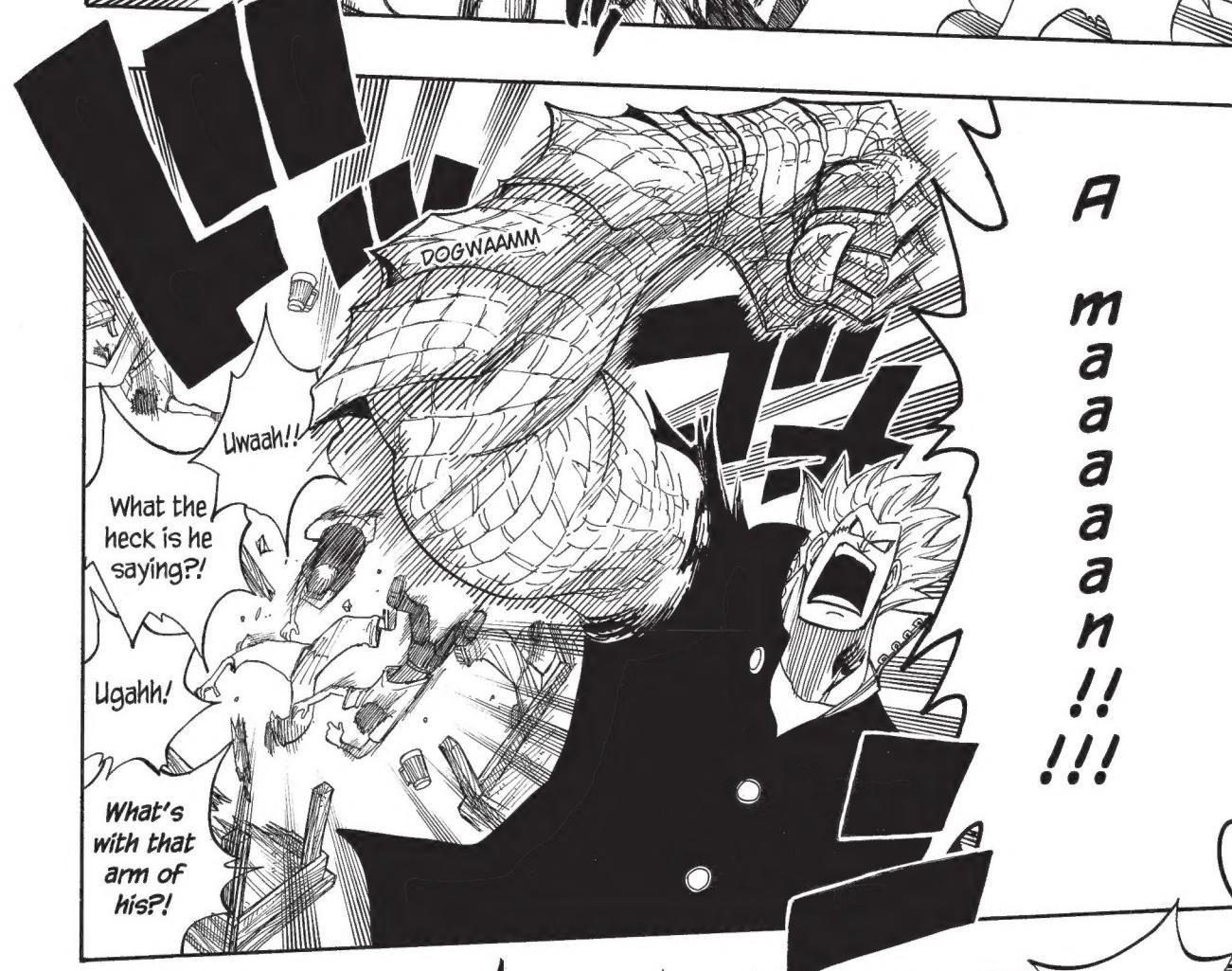


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Chapter 49

The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds;
Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind





He is
Beast-arm
Elfman!!!

Elfman!!!

Fairy Tail Member:
Elfman

He took over
the power
of a beast
he defeated,
and
integrated
it into his
arm!

I'm going up
to see if he's
breathing! And
if he is, I'll put a
stop to it!!!

I suspect
that Jose is
on the top
floor!

Erza!!! You
handle things
here!!!

Now's
the time
to shake
things up
a little!!

So the most
annoying of
them has left
the scene!

Heh
heh...

Be
careful!

WHOOSH

TMP
TMP

TMP

Haa
!!!!



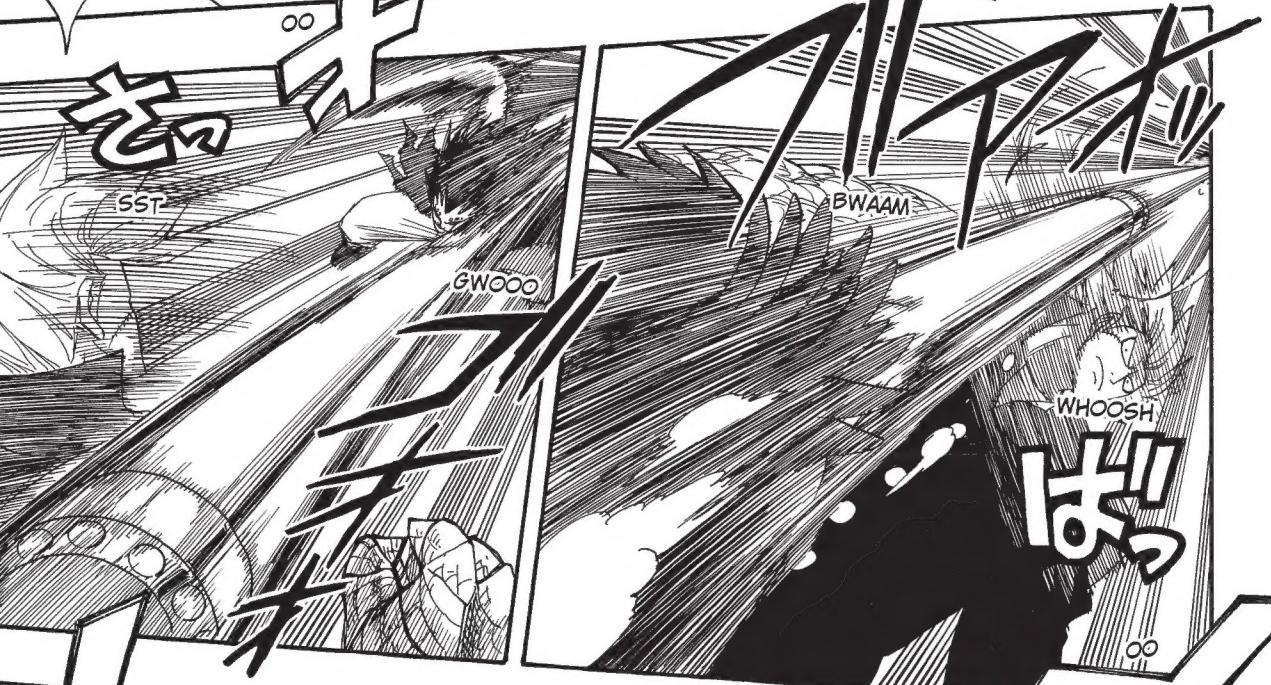
Come on,
you trash!!!
The Iron
Dragonslayer
Gajeel-sama
will take you
all on!!!

What's
with this
guy? He's
taking out
his own
people,
too!!!

Nab!!!
Warren!!!

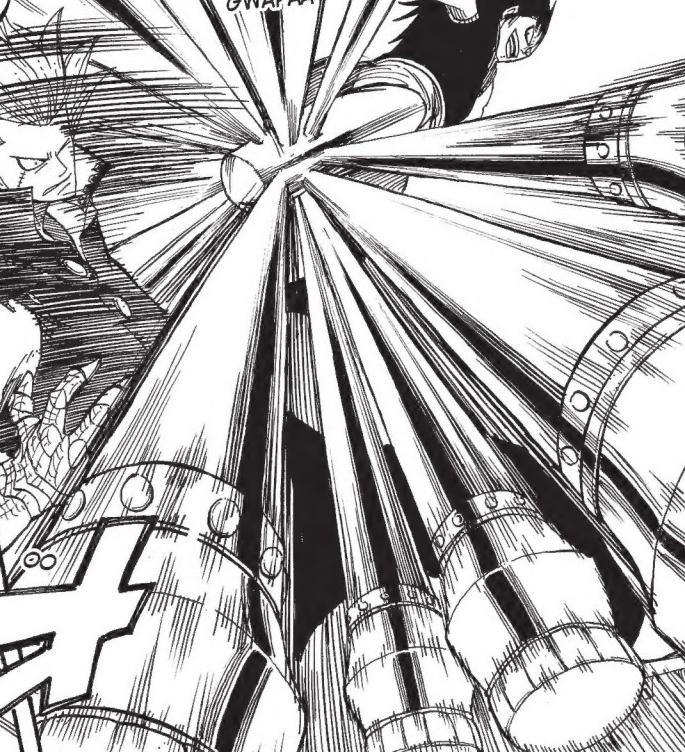
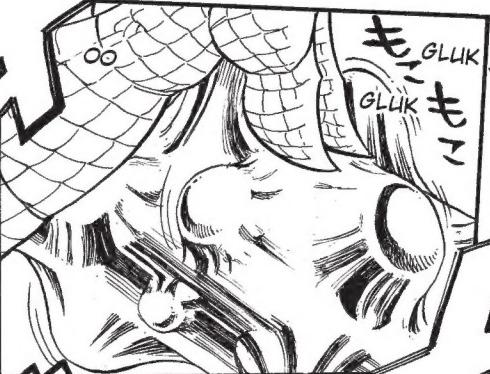


Hm?
Even
if I am
trash,
I'm a
man!!!!



A man
must live
strong!!

Ho!
You
aren't
bad!







Gajeel
!!!!



I am
Fairy
Tail's
dragon
slayer
!!!!



You
step
over me
to...

I've never
seen that
happen
before!!!

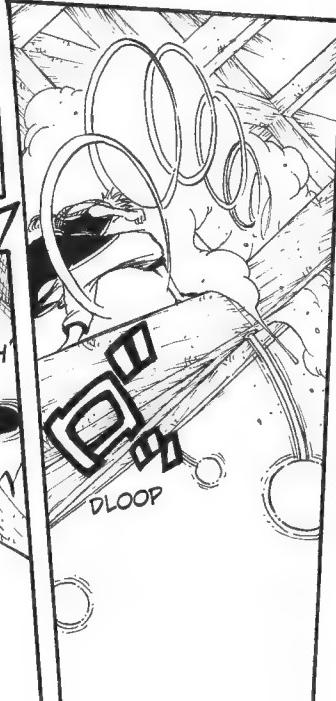
Hey!!!
Somebody
managed
to punch
Gajeel
out!!!



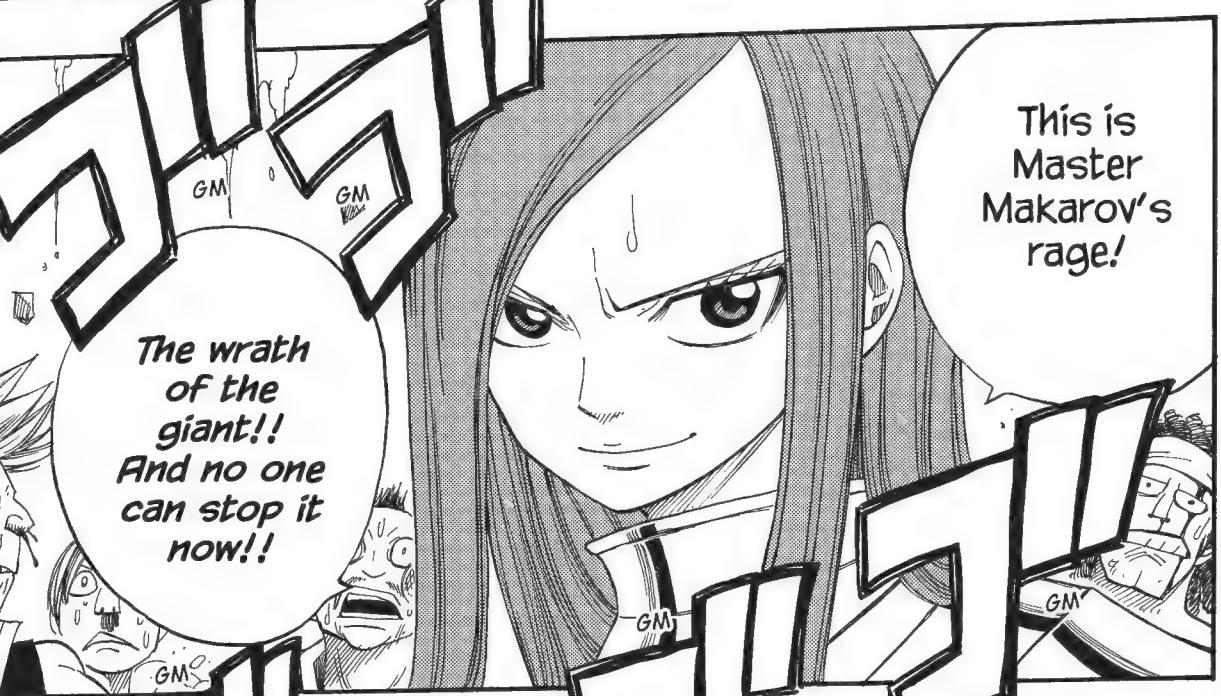
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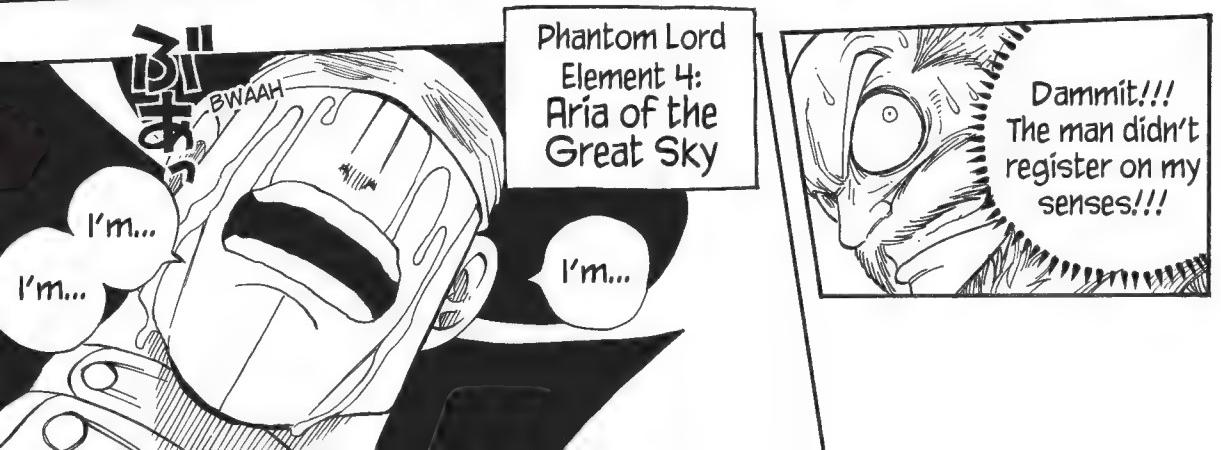


I'd say it's been some six years since the last time I saw you at a regular meeting. How embarrassing that was for me! But you know me, a little liquor, and...

Well, well.
It's been so long,
Makarov-san!







Gwaaahh!!!!

DOOM

I'm so sad!!!!

Aaahhhh!!!!

What's going on?!? I can't build up any power!!!

KRKL

KRKL

KRKL

KRKL

At least not yet... right?

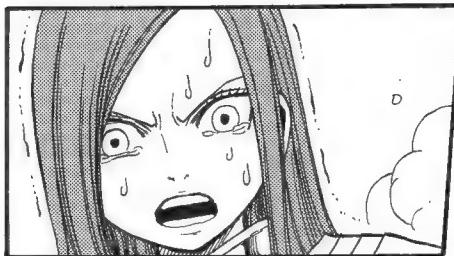
Ho ho ho! We would never think of killing Lucy-sama!!

STUNK

OF course, it's no longer your concern.

You must be joking!!! She is a member of your own guild, and yet you have no idea of who Lucy Heartfilia is?



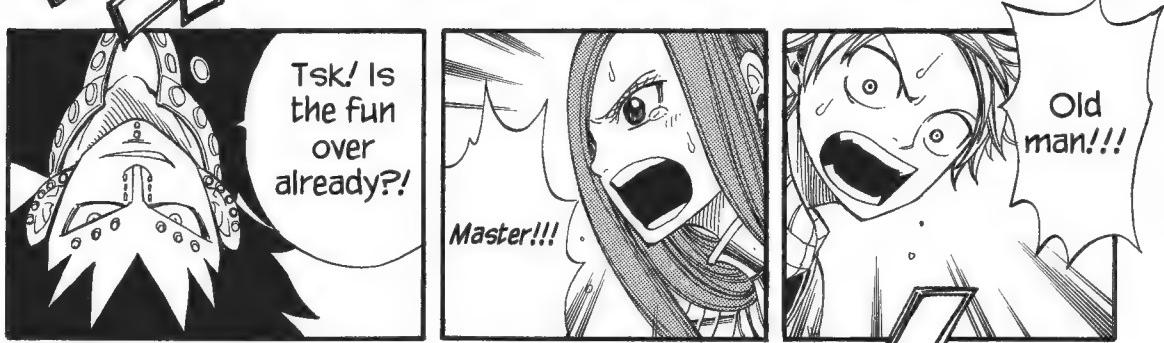


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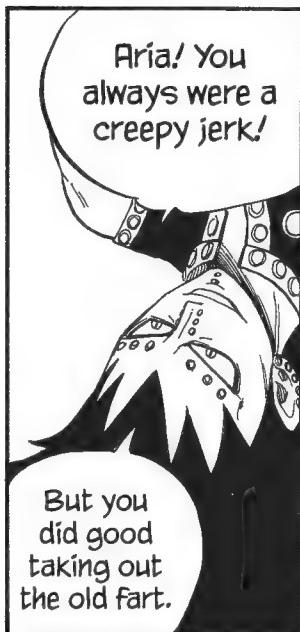
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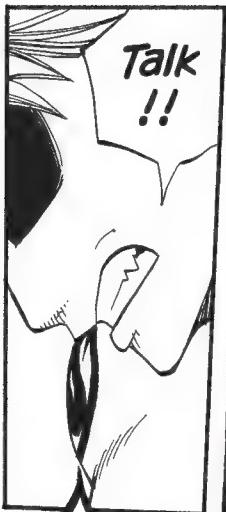






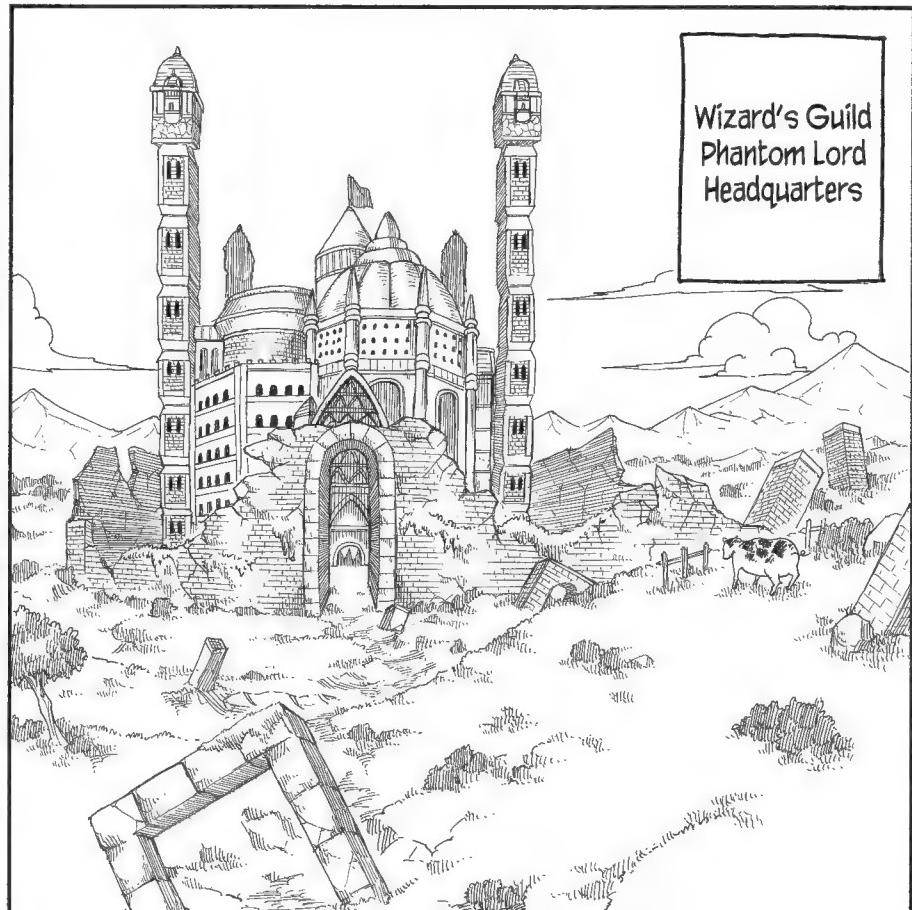
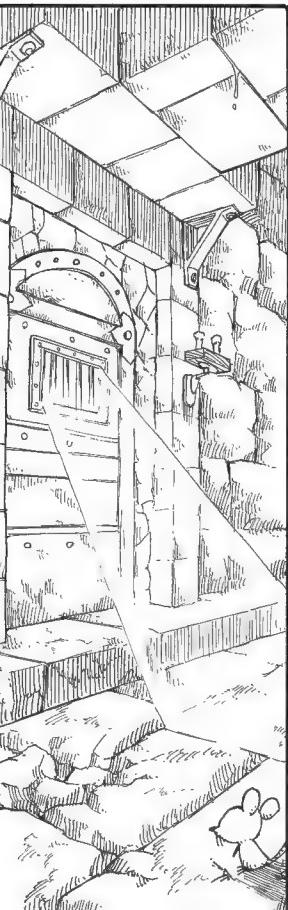
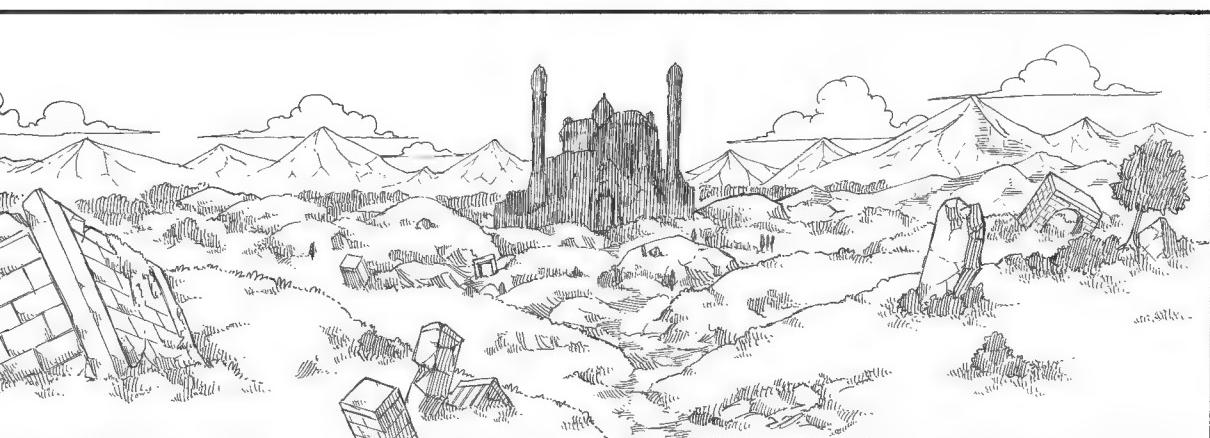


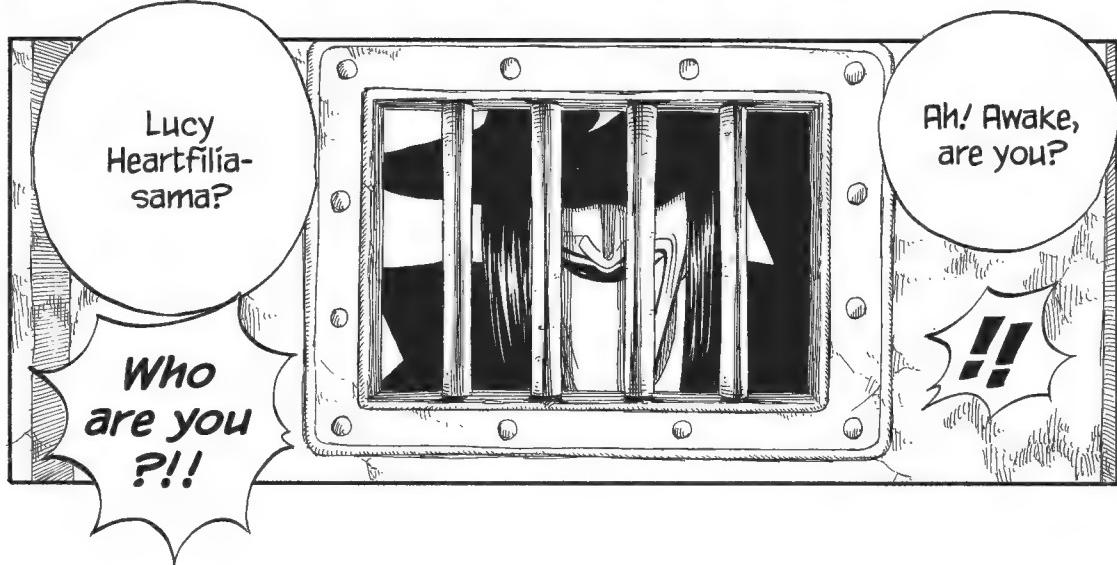
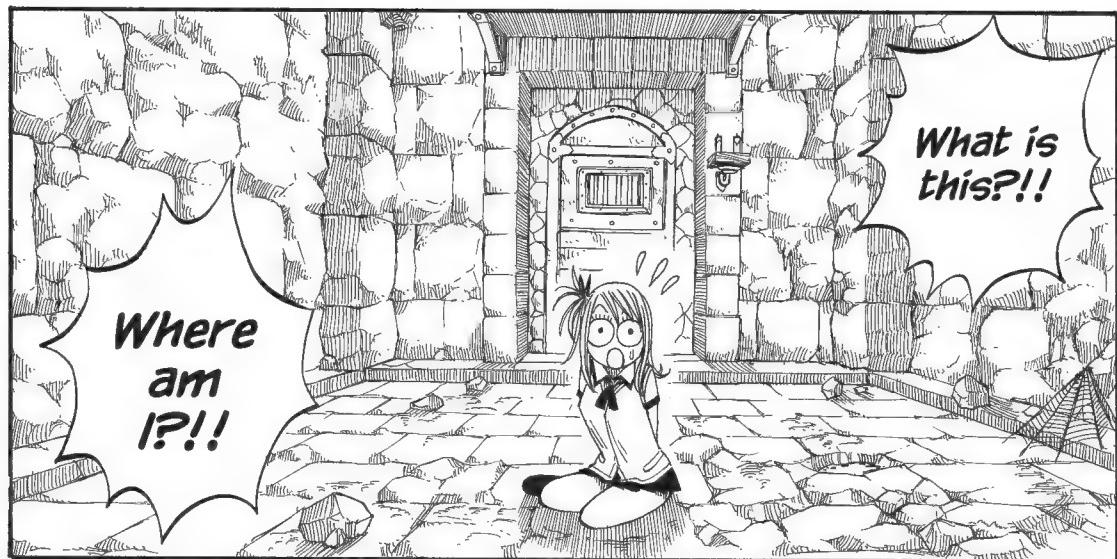
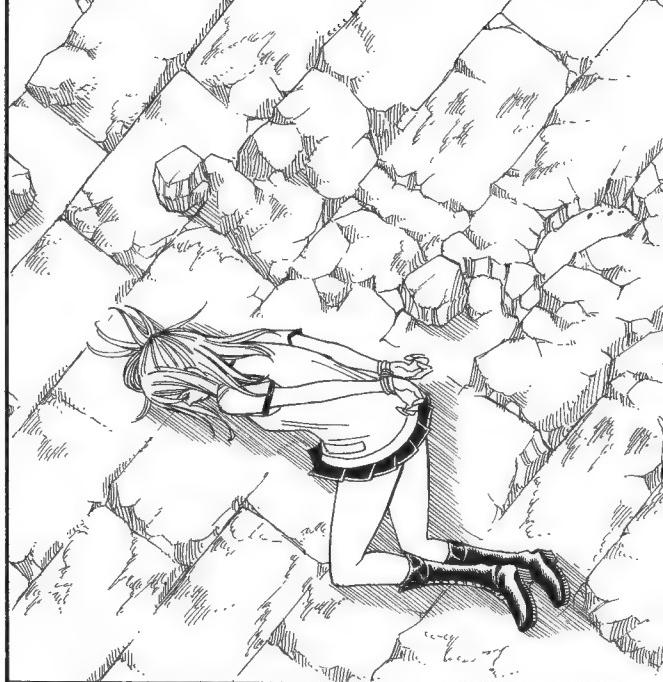
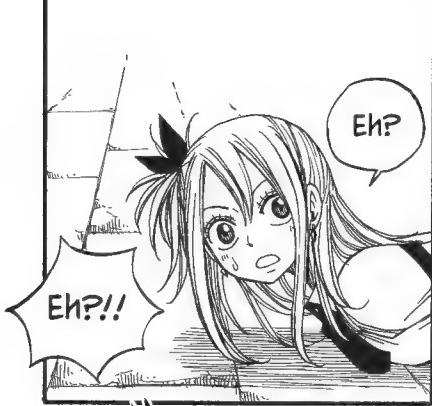




But...our
headquarters
is a little
farther this
way up the
hill!!! Sh-
She may be
there!!!!

Eee!!!
I-I don't
know!!!
I've really
never heard
that name
before!!!



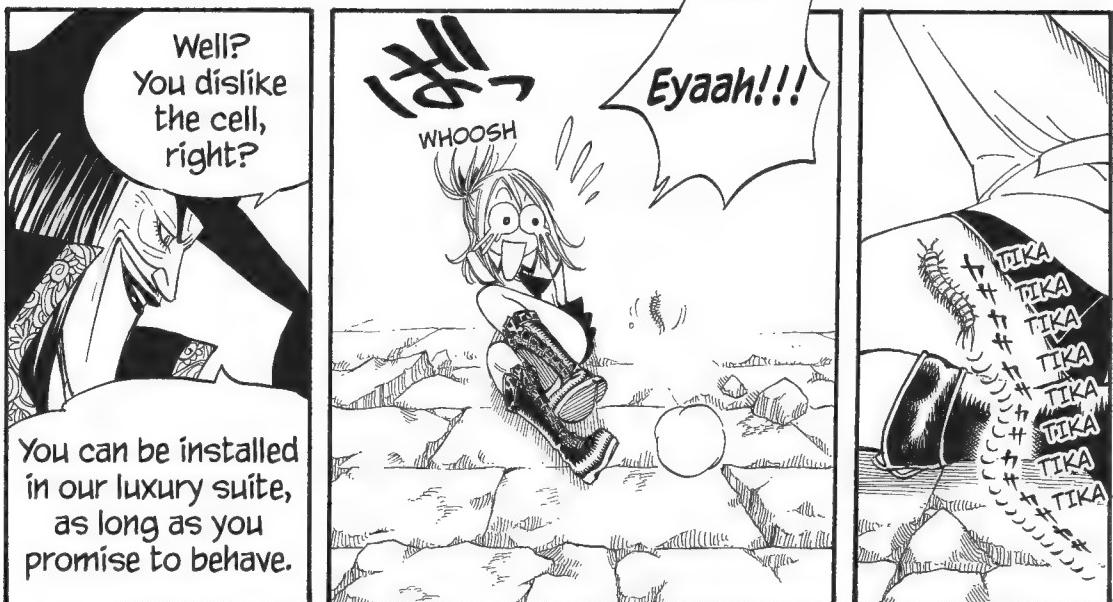
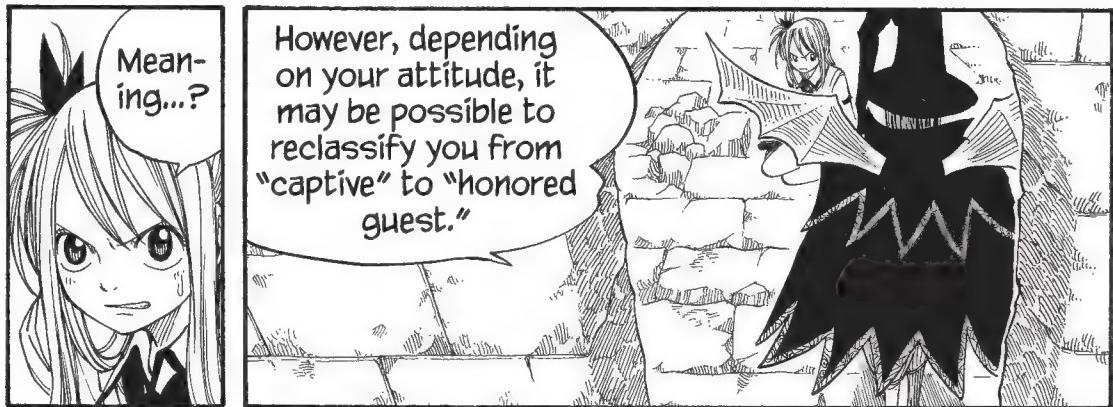


I am called
Jose, the
Guild Master
of Phantom
Lord.

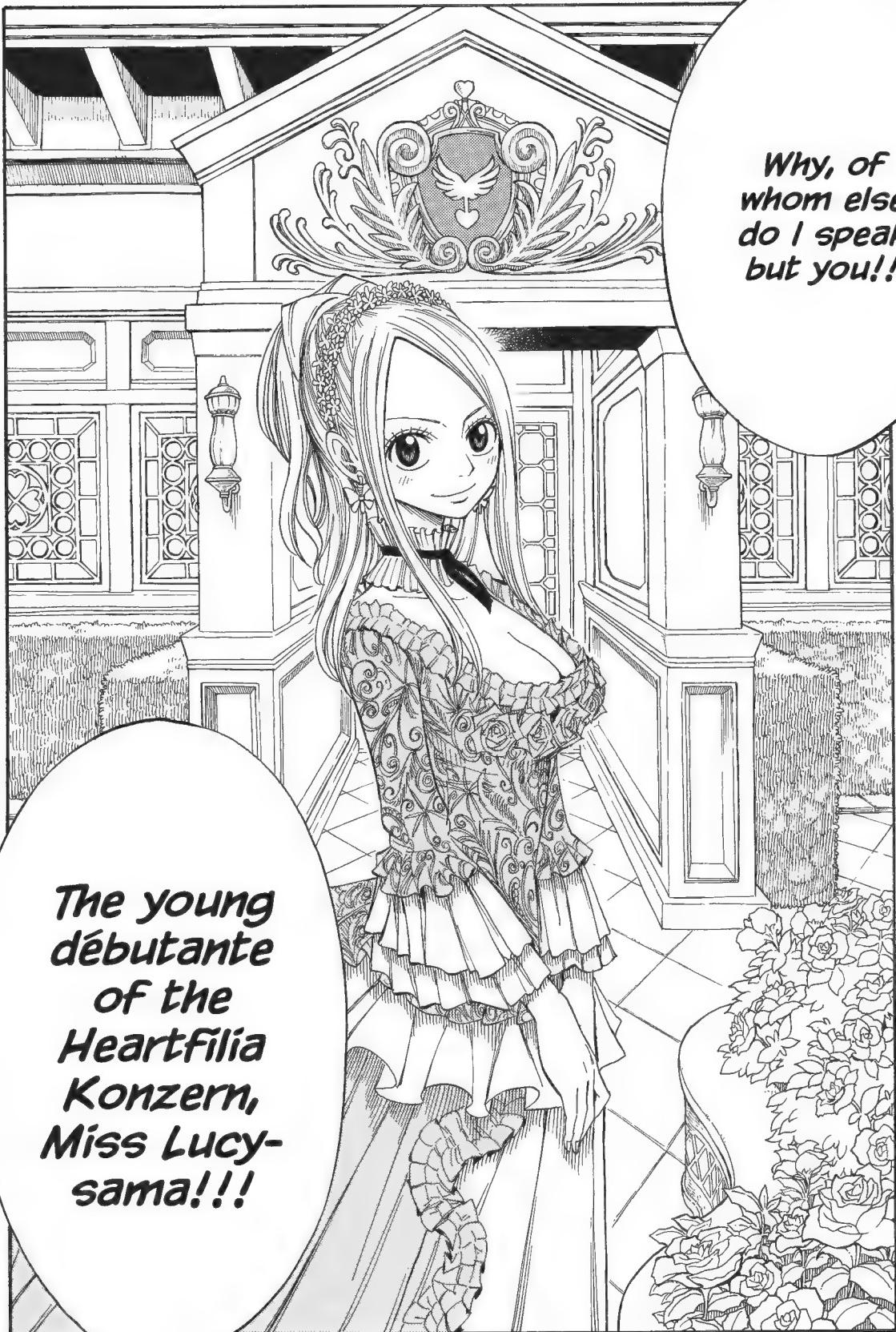
Phantom Lord
Guild Master
Jose Porla

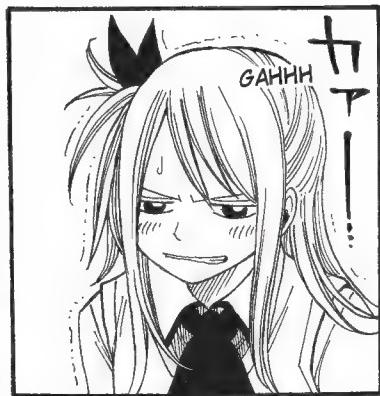
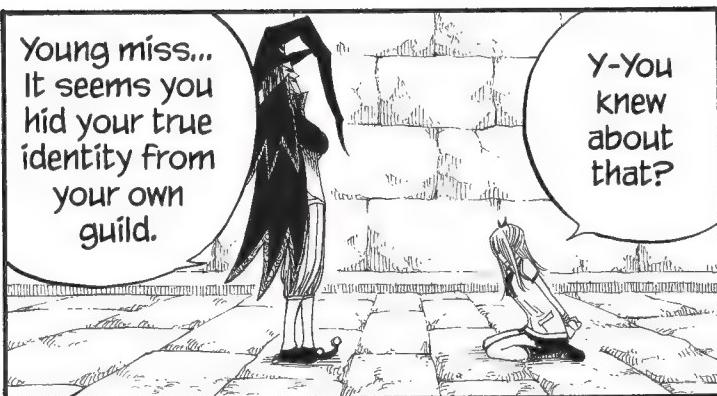
That's
right... I was
trapped by
the Element
H...

Phantom?!!









That man
wouldn't
even
notice!!!

He
wouldn't
!!!

The answer is
obvious! Any parent
would search the
world over for a
child who has run
away.

No...

That's
a lie...

Why
would
he...

I am never
going back
to that
house!!!!

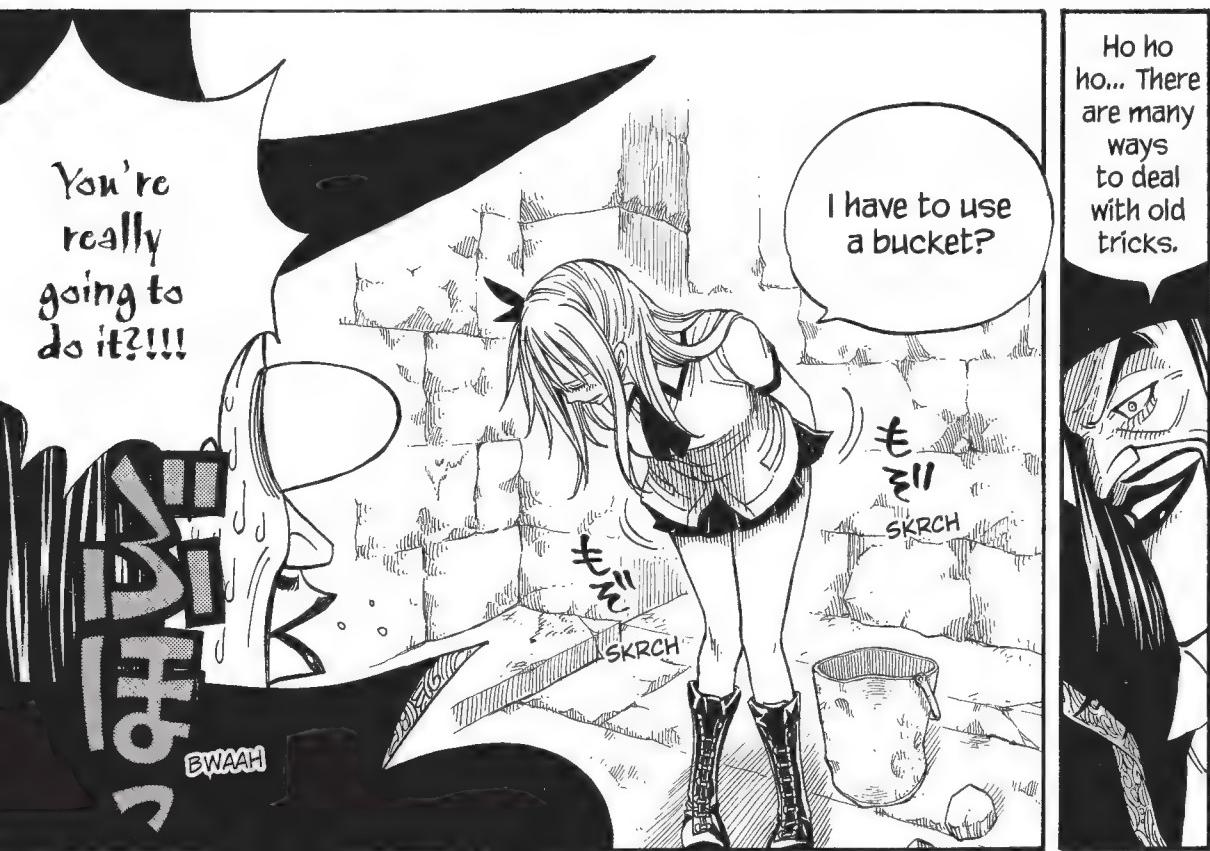
Well,
I'm
never
going
back!!!!

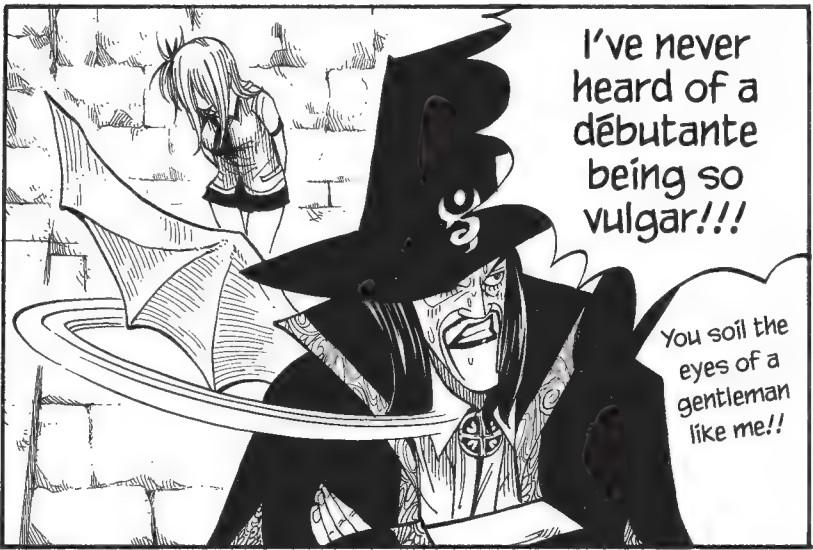
Let me
go!!
Now!!!

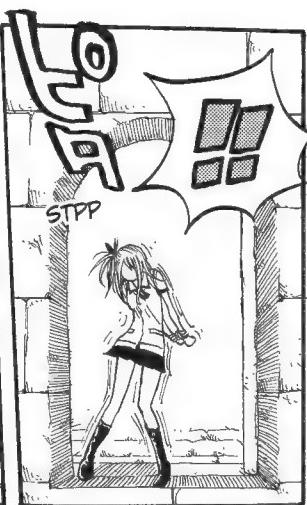
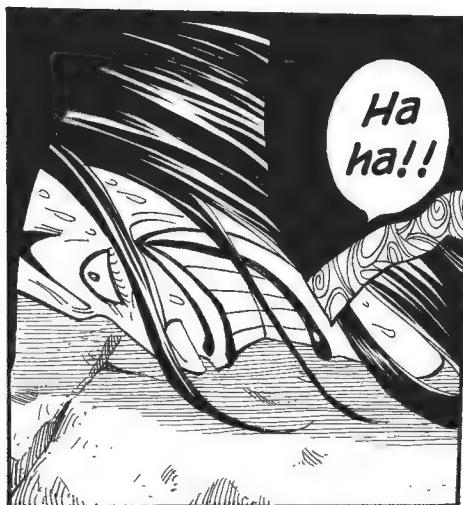
Now, now!
Don't make
trouble,
young miss!

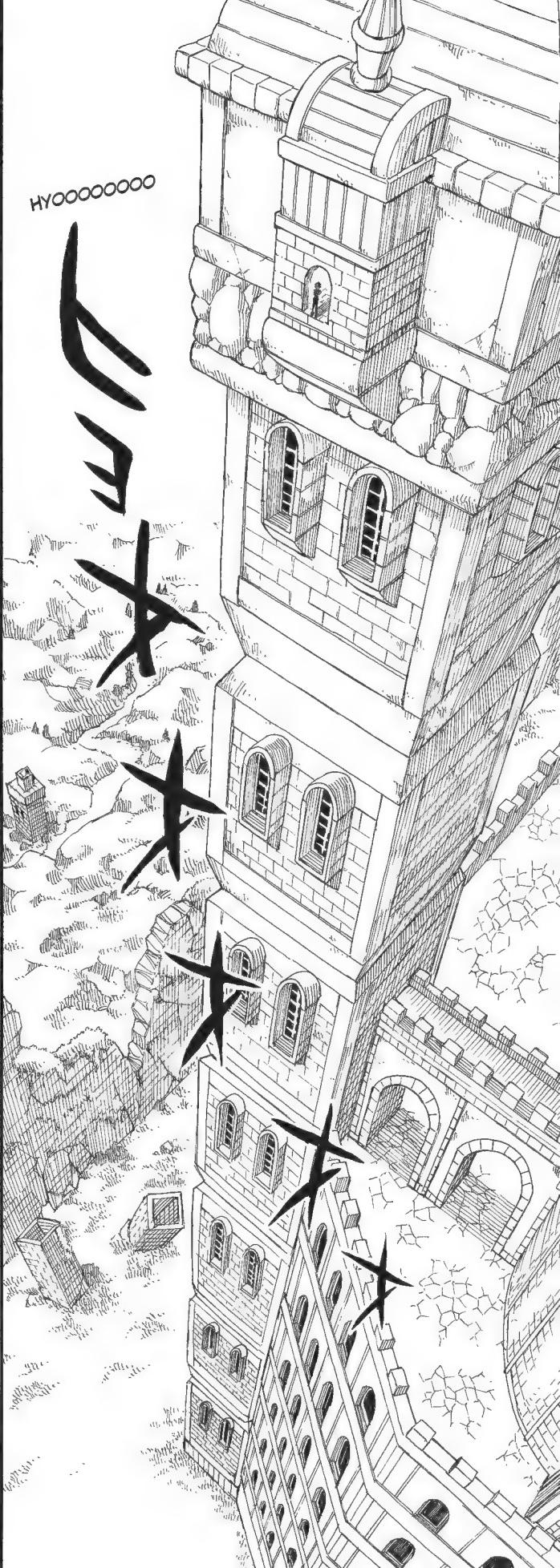
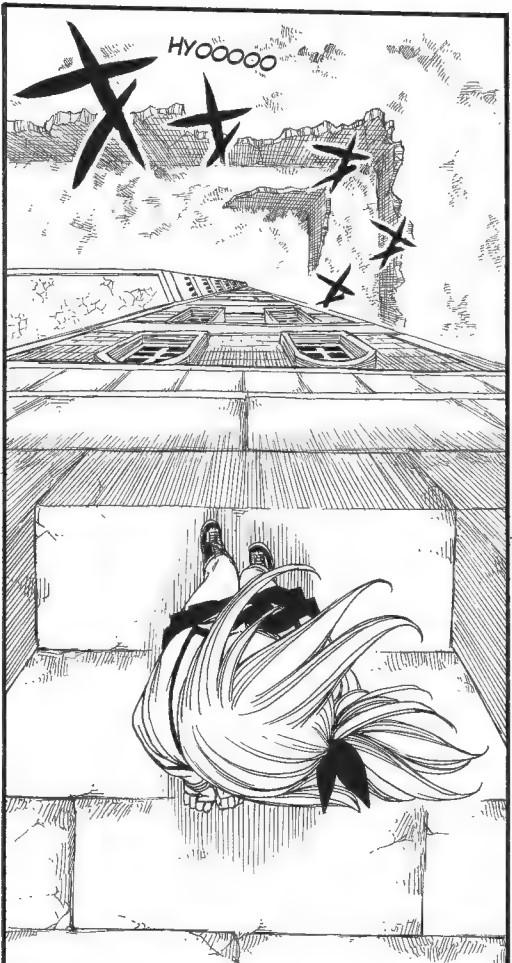
I'm afraid
that is out of
the question.



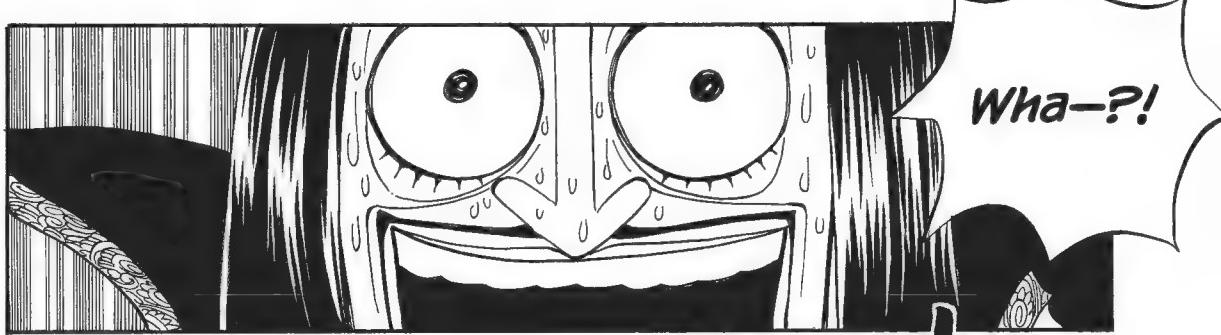
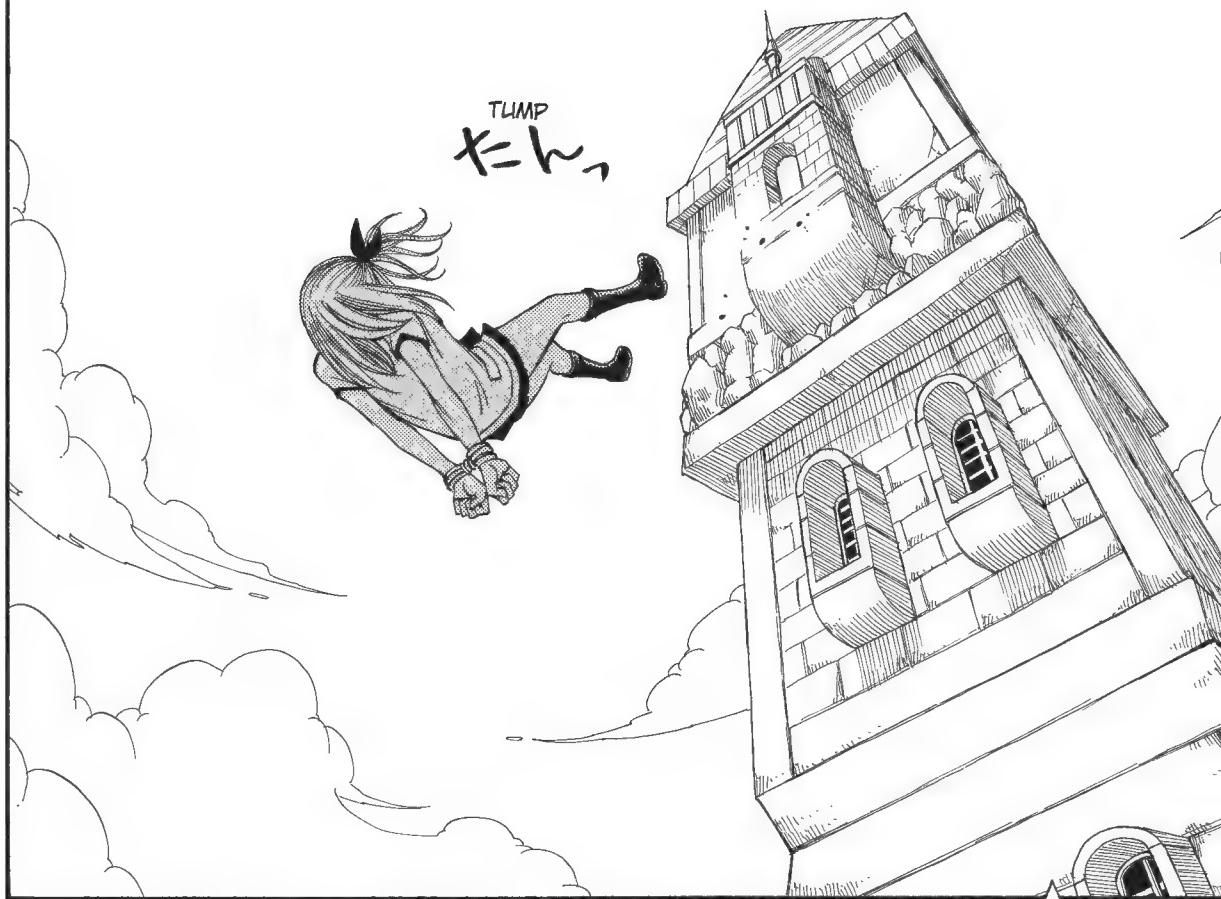


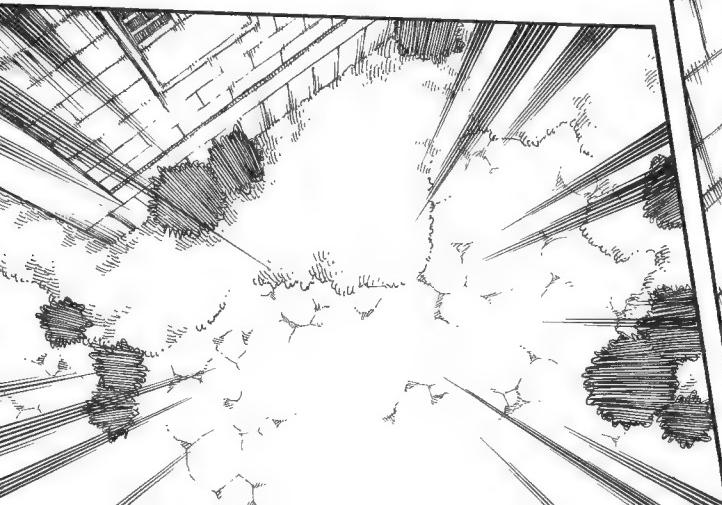
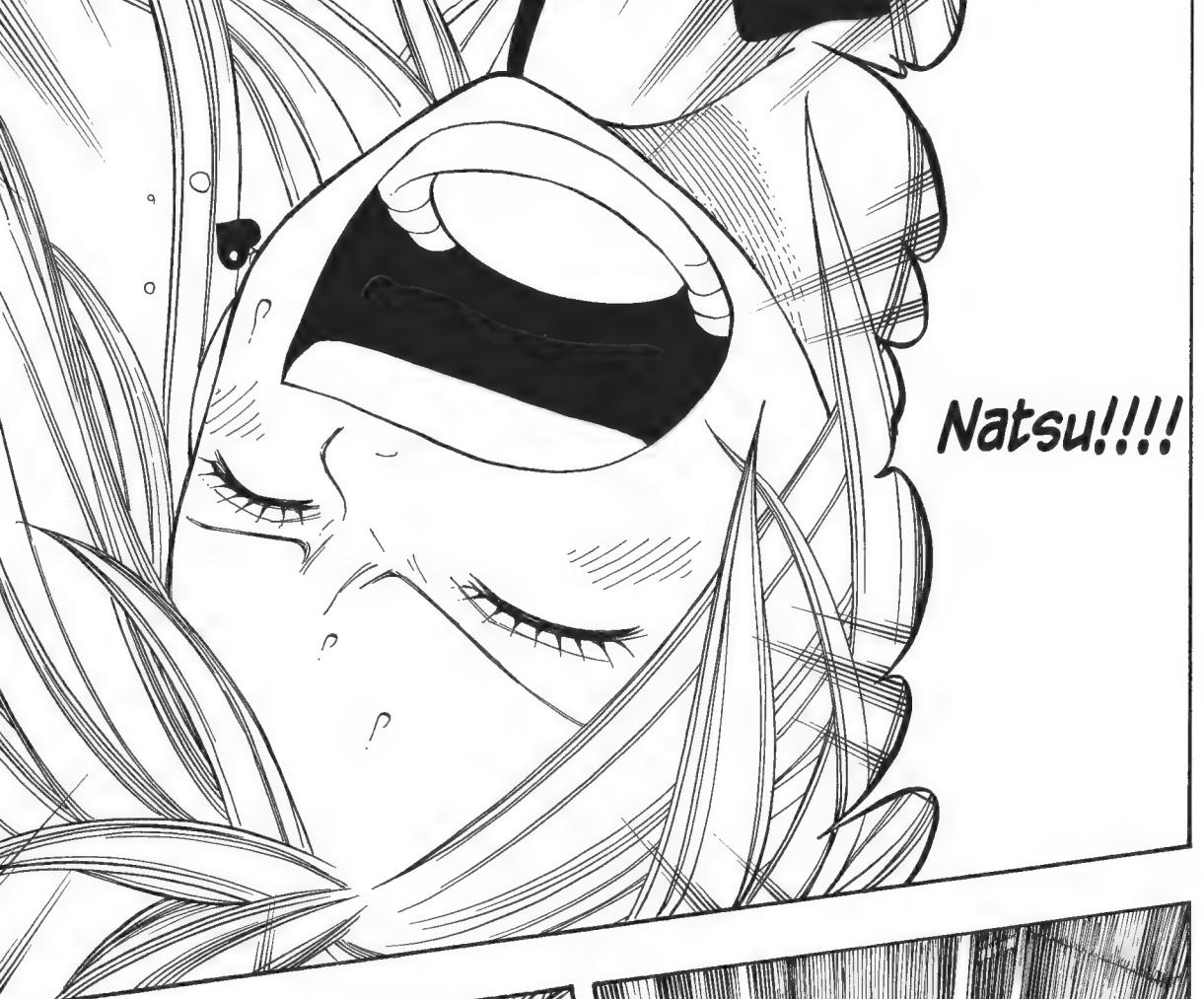


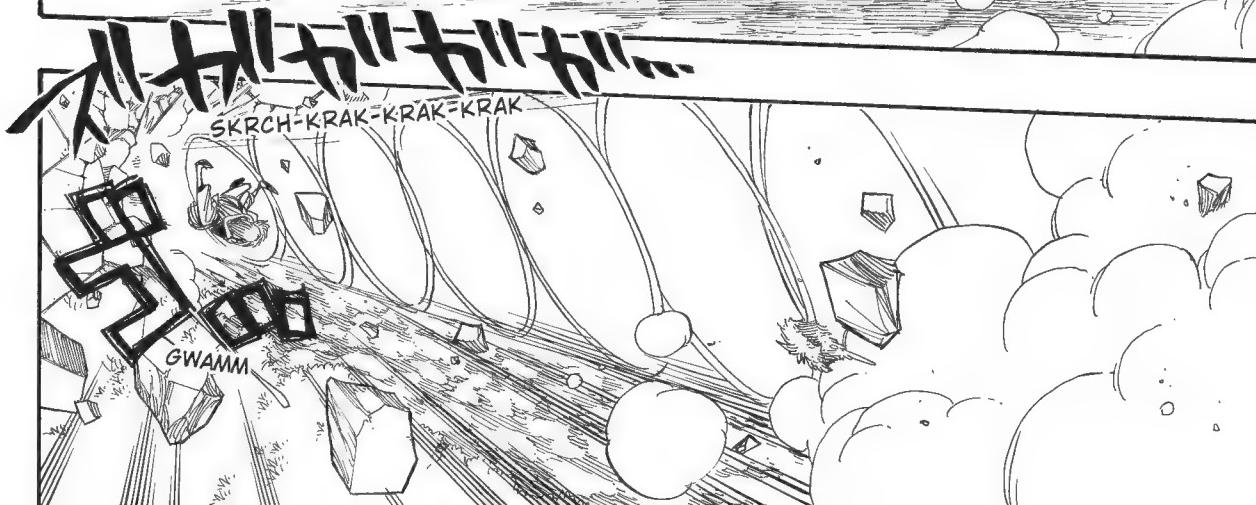


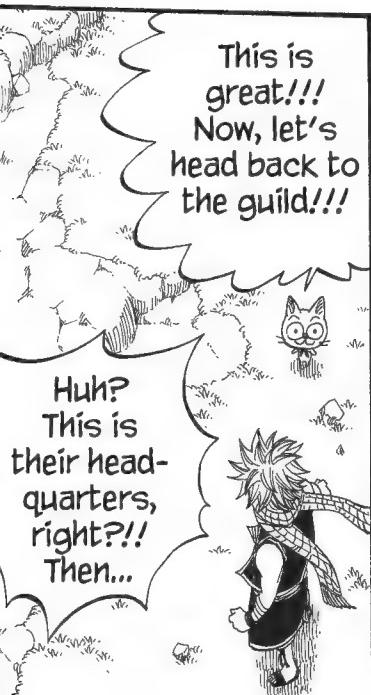




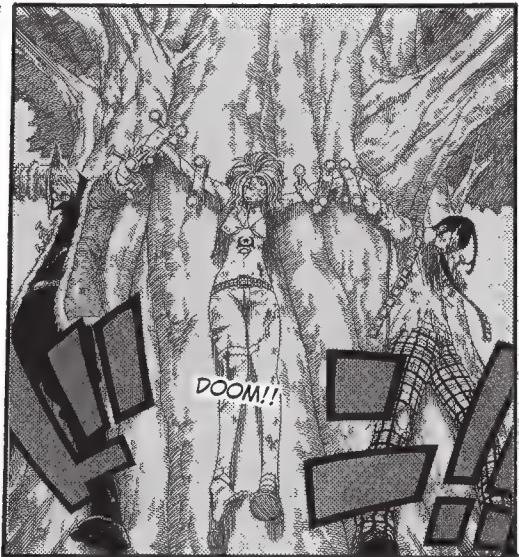
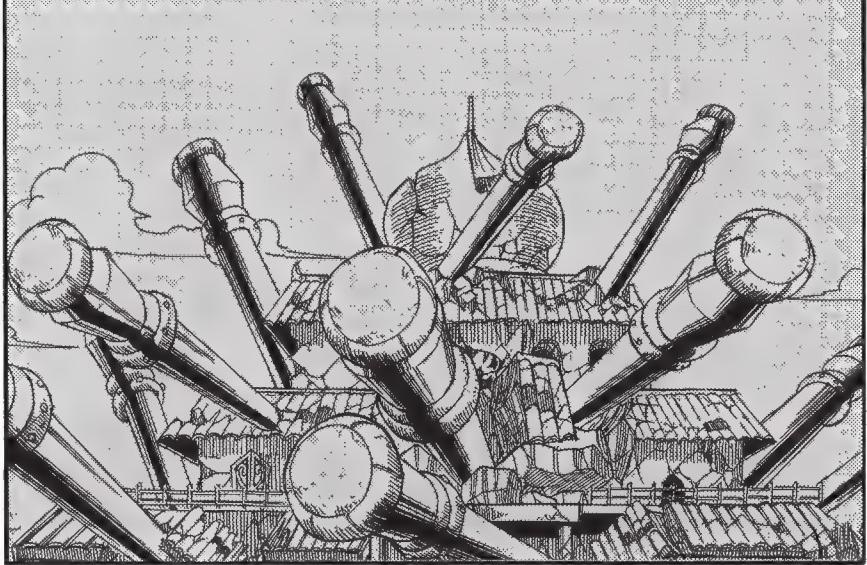


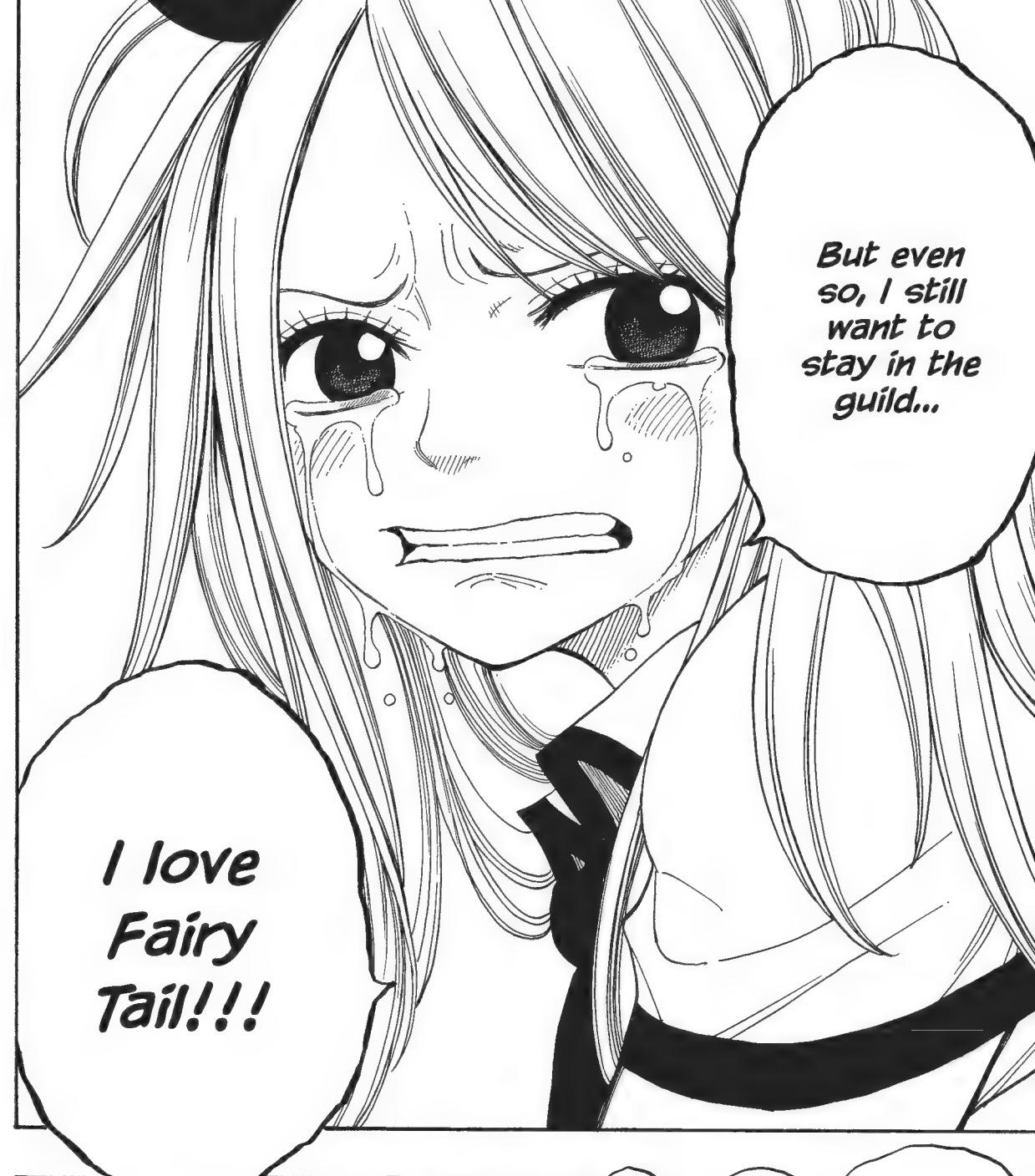












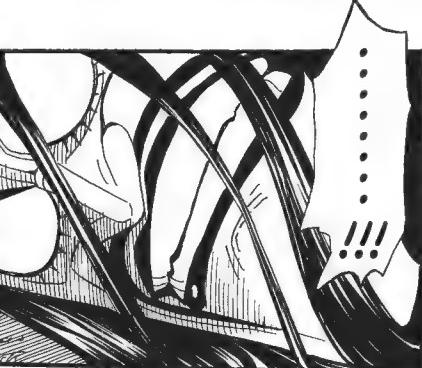
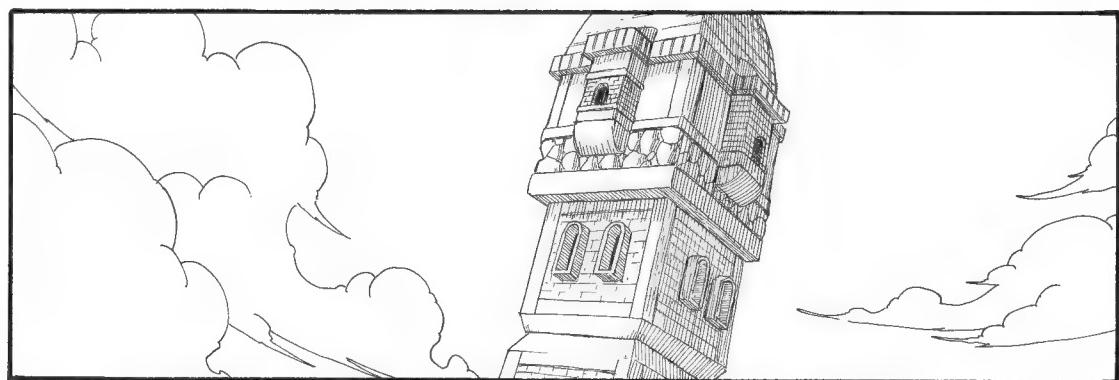
But even so, I still want to stay in the guild...

I love
Fairy
Tail!!!



You can stay
in the guild!!
I don't get
what you're...



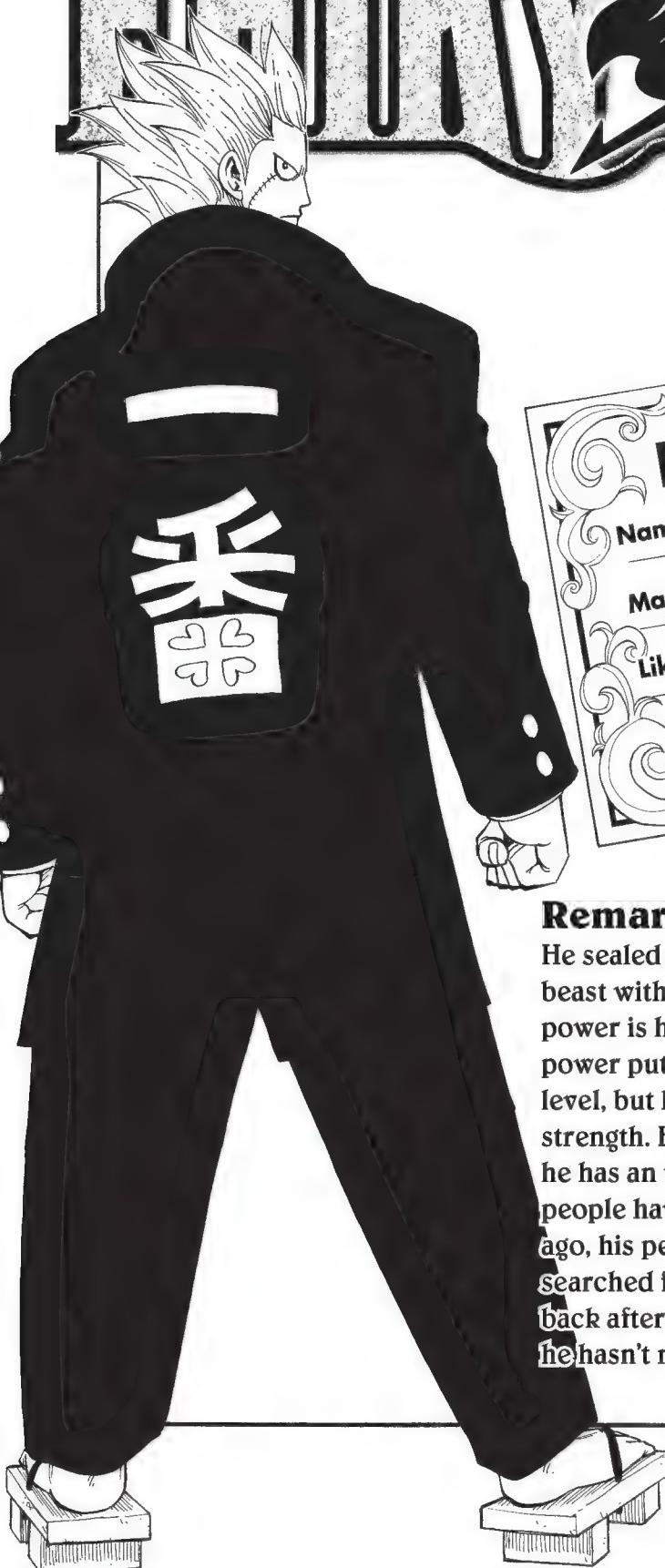




That little
witch really
got me
mad!!!

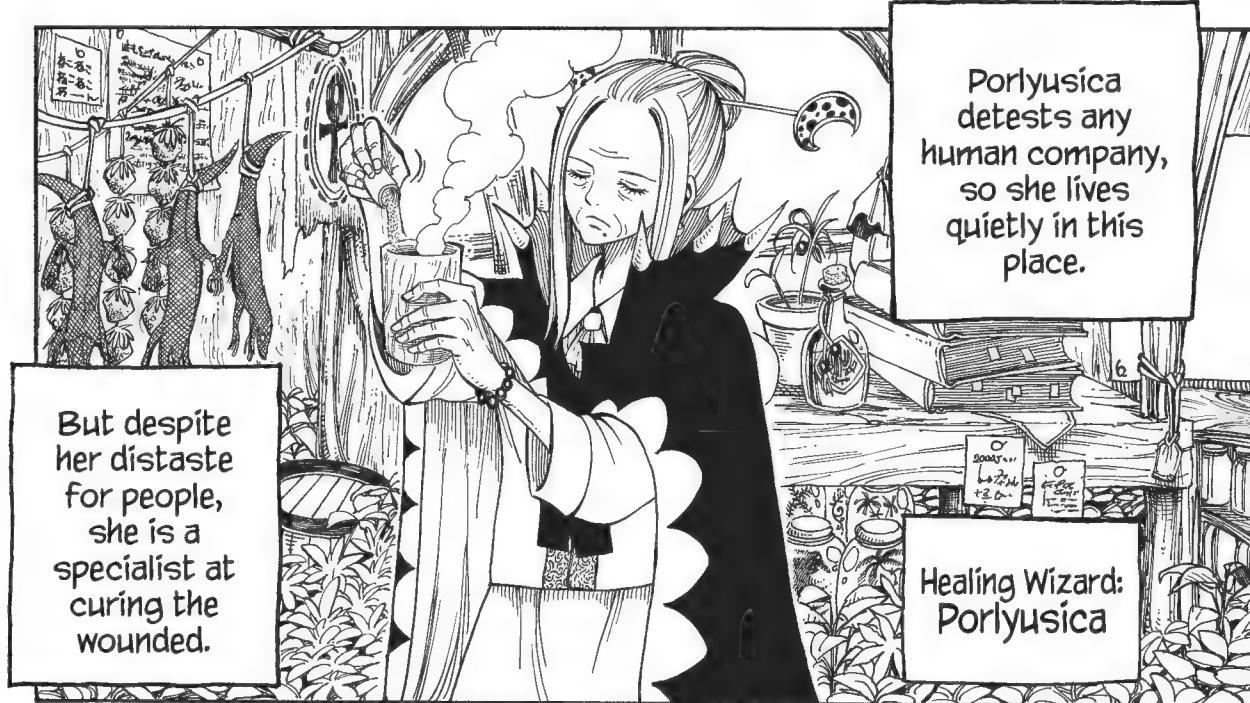
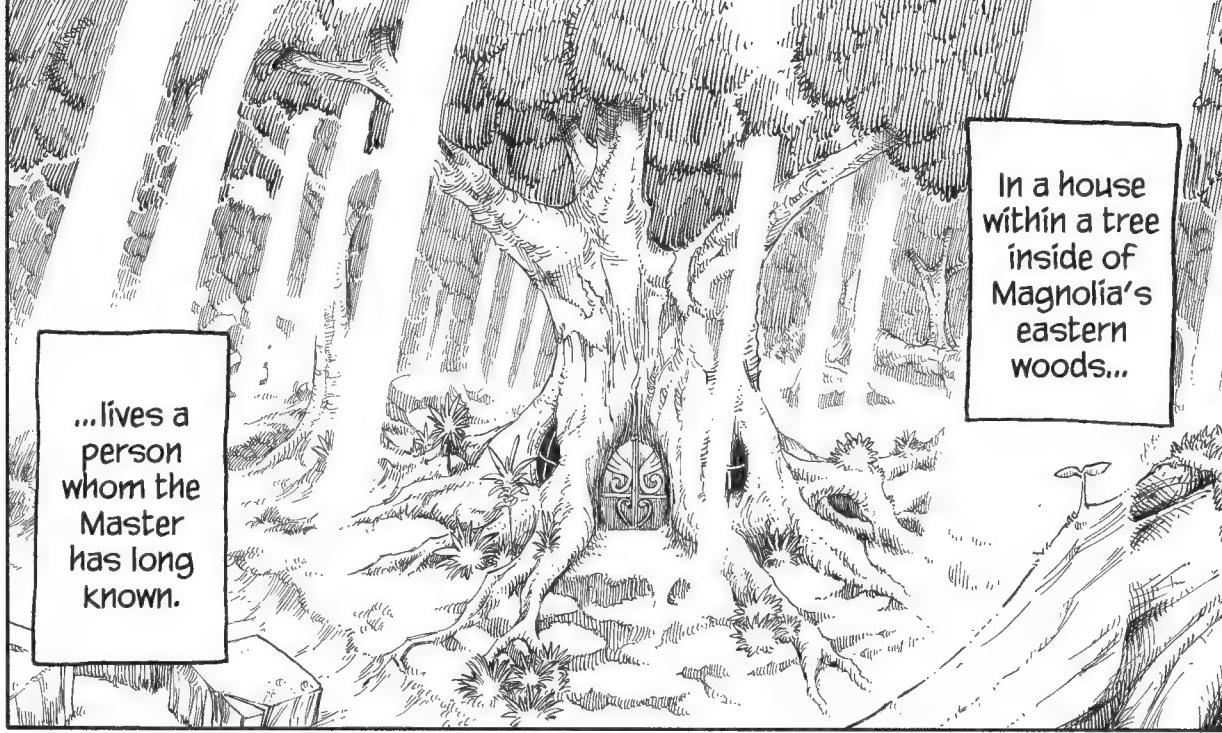
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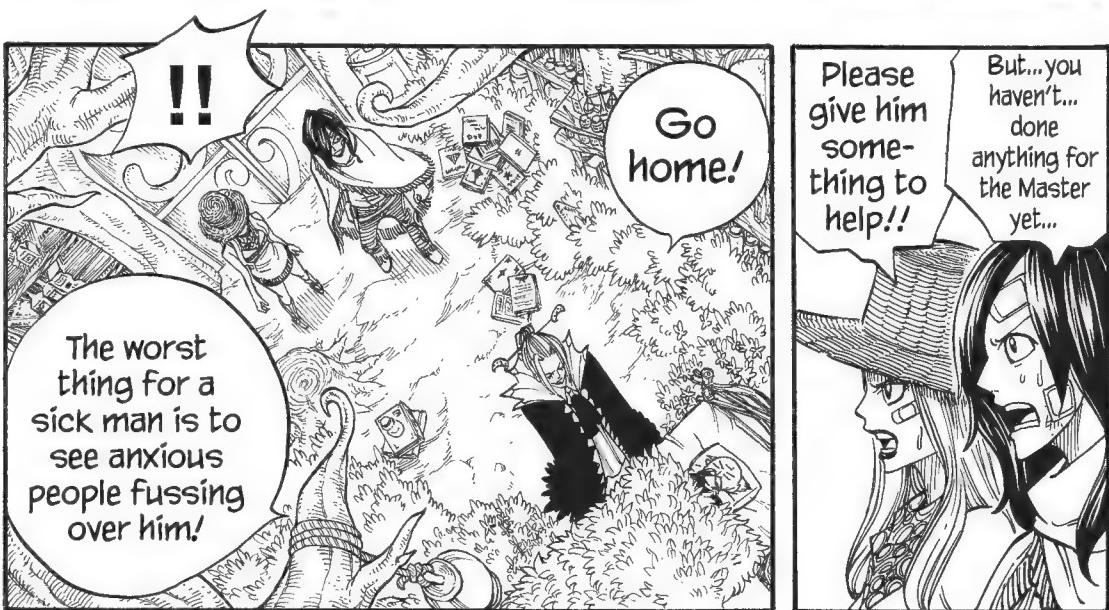
Chapter 51: Vanity



Remarks

He sealed the abilities of a defeated demon beast within his arm, and now, using its power is his magic specialty. Some say his power puts him right at Fairy Tail's top level, but he is the type to hold back his strength. He looks frightening, but actually, he has an unexpectedly gentle heart, and people have seen tears in his eyes. Long ago, his pet parakeet flew away, and he searched for it for an entire week. He came back after finding a different parakeet, and he hasn't noticed the difference.

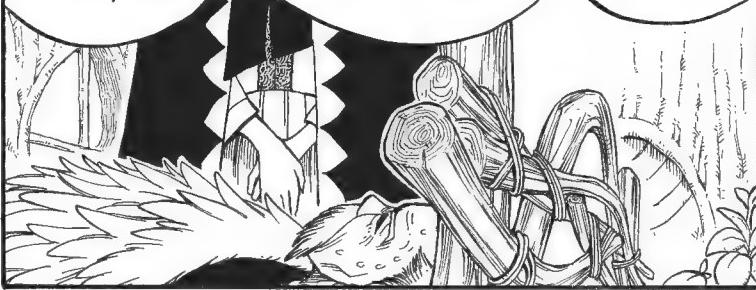




The drained magic will flow with the wind's breezes for a while and then dissipate.

It was *Drain*... A frightening attack magic that forces its victim's magic to flow away from him.

He was hit by wind-style magic, huh?



Eeh?! We thought you wanted us to hear all that!!

Are you two still here?!!



We'll go tell the others.

I-Is that right...



If we could recover Makarov's power from the wind, we could bring him back quickly, but...

It's too late for that. He'll be here a long time.

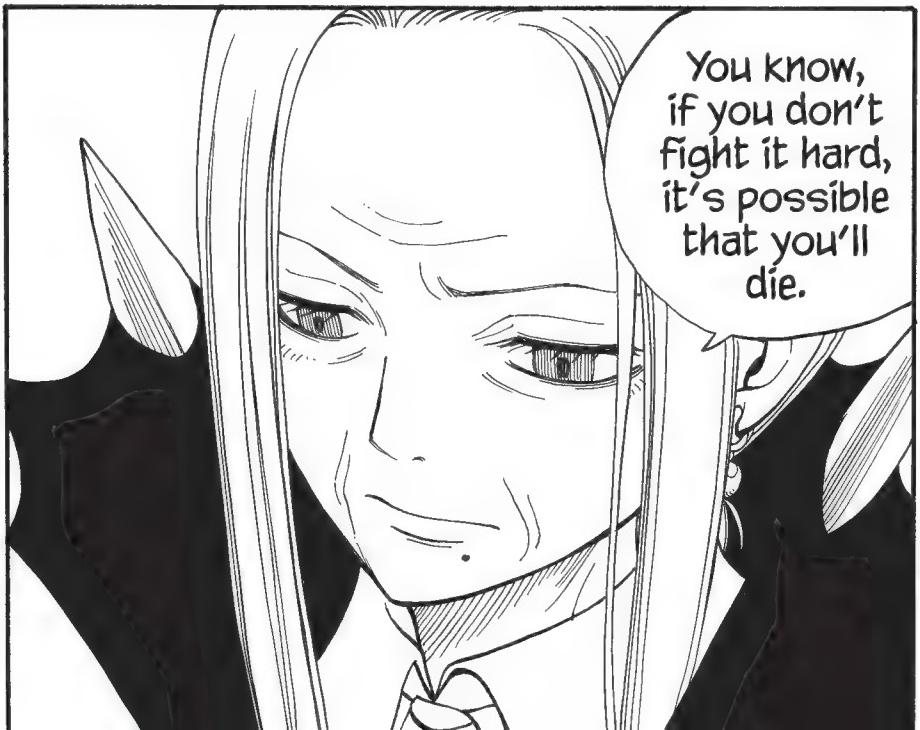
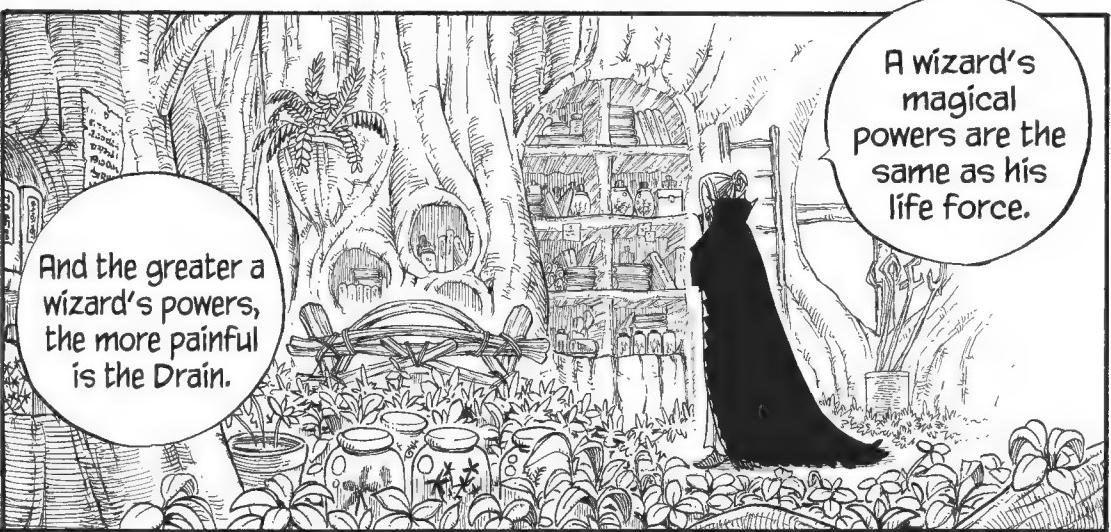


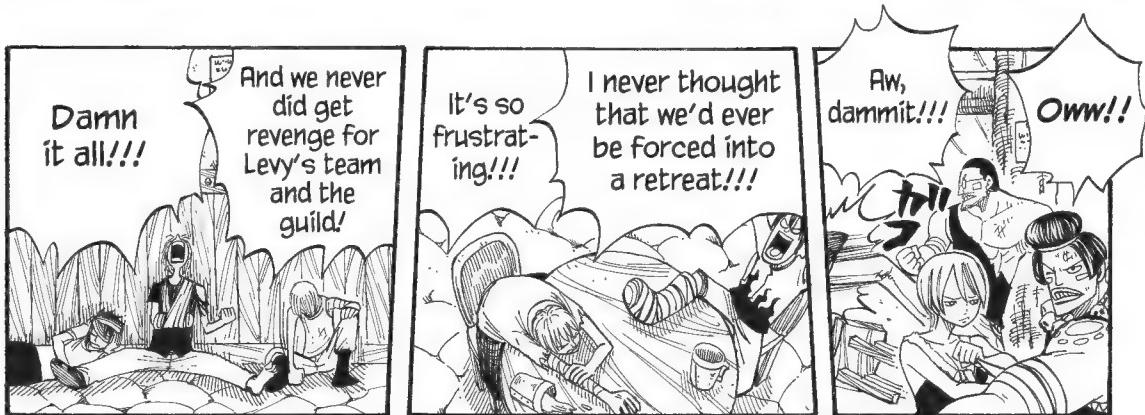
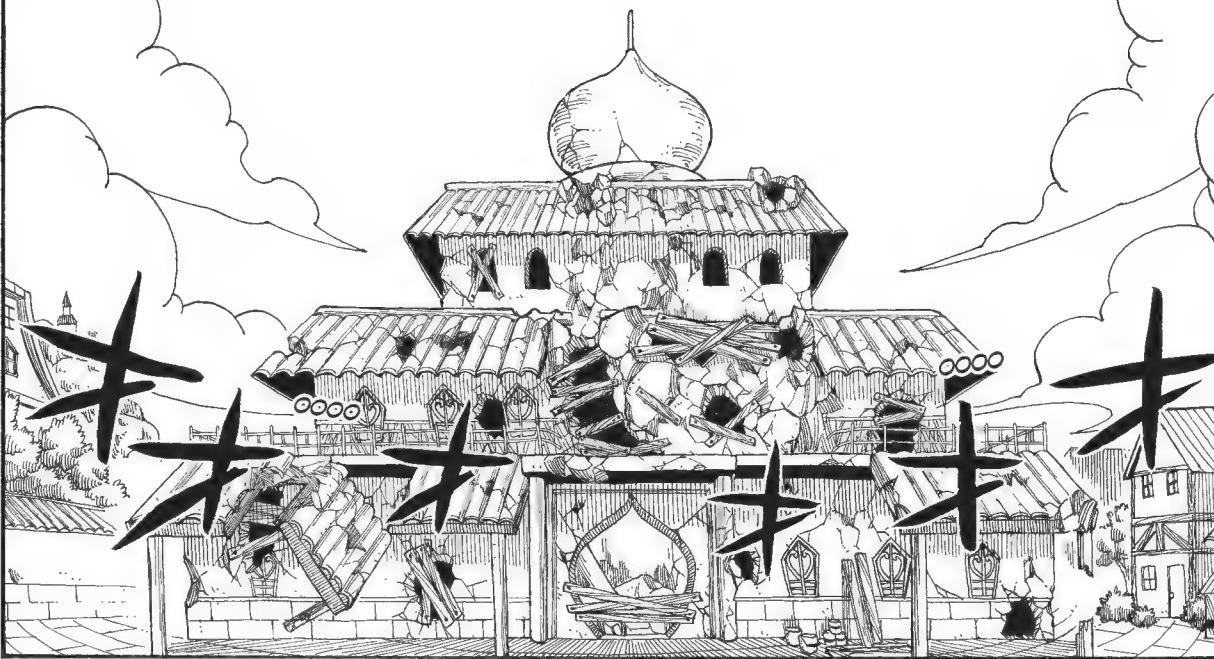
Eee!!!
We'll be on our way now!!!

Go home!!!
Get out of here!!!
You stink of humanity!!!

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

CHAKKE,





Hey!!
Somebody
get me that
really powerful
wizard's
spell book on
boulder-style
magic!!!

This time,
I'm taking all
of my exploding
lacrima crystals
with me!!!

MURMUR

MURMUR

What's
the
matter?
Still
antsy?

But we
sure were
surprised.

Lucy,
why did you
hide it?

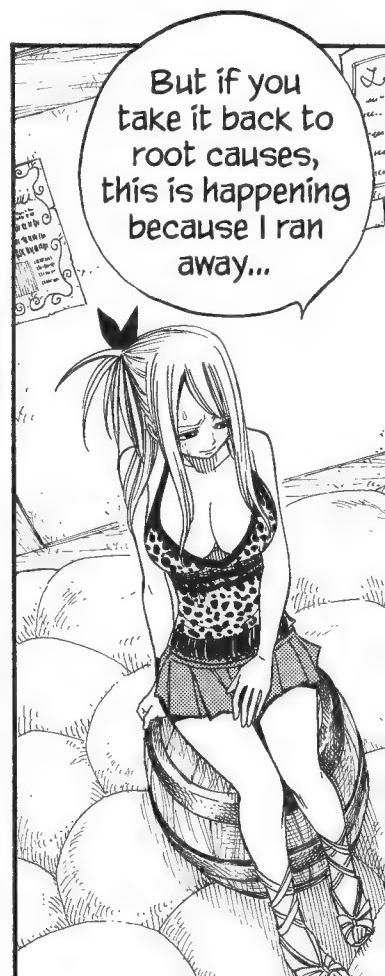
Don't say
things like
that!

Well, it's the fate
of rich girls to
be targeted, and
it's a man's job
to protect her!

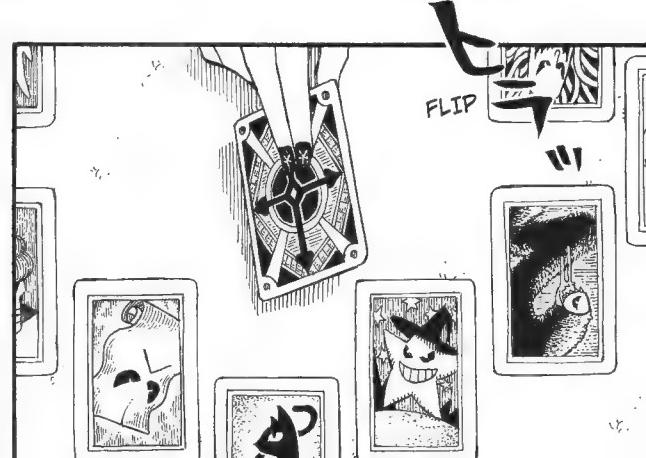
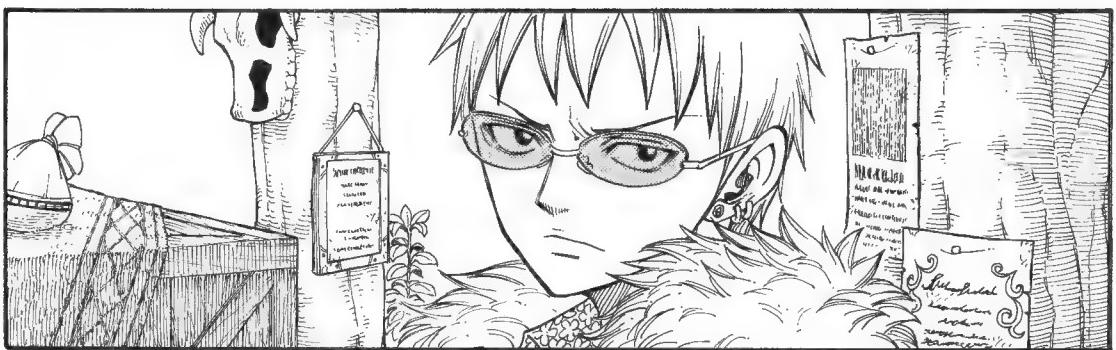
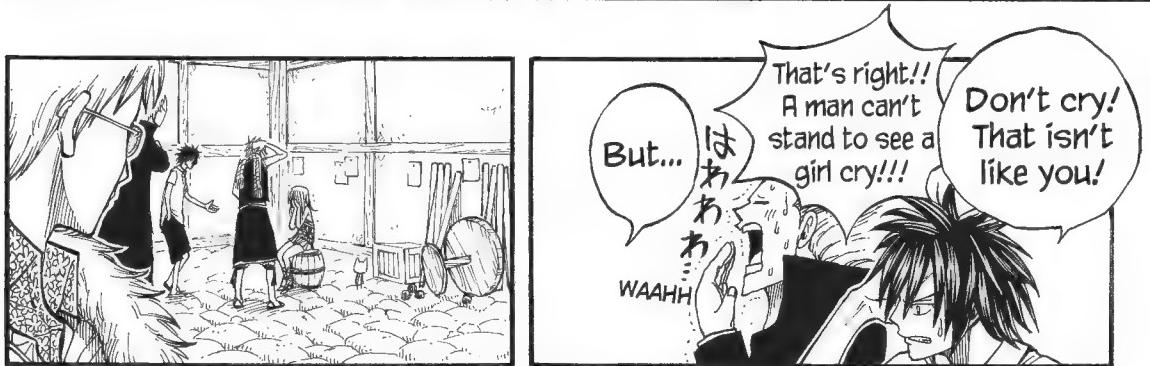
It's
just...

N-No...
It's
nothing
like
that...

I'm
sorry...







We've got a lot of wounded. This could be bad.

If Lucy is their target, then they'll come and attack again.

That's too bad.

Really?

It's no good!!! I have no idea where Mystogan is!!



You're the only one who we can ask for help...

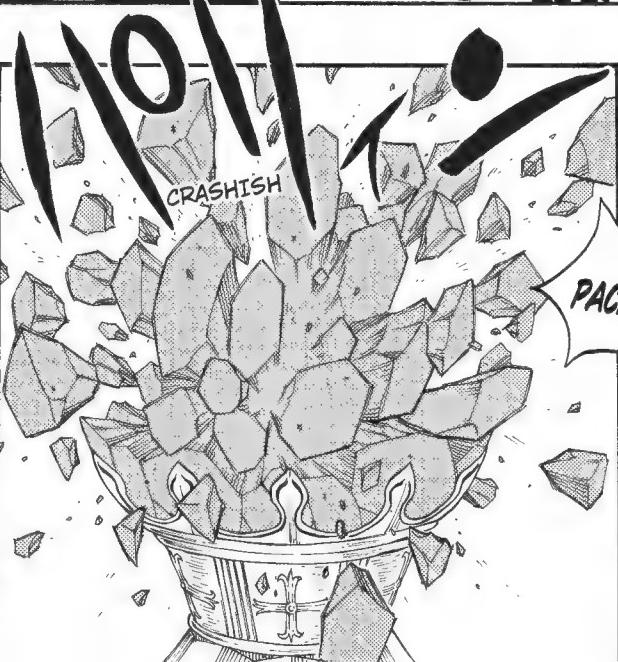
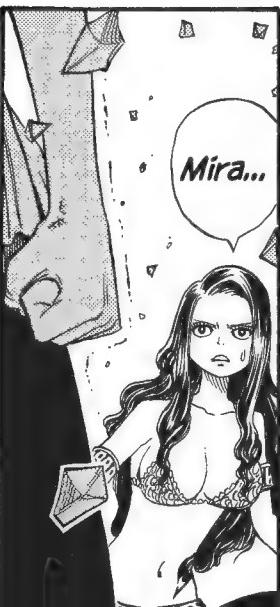
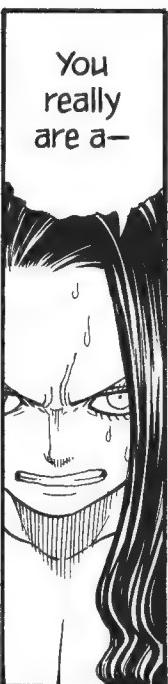
The Master is in critical condition, and we can't find Mystogan.

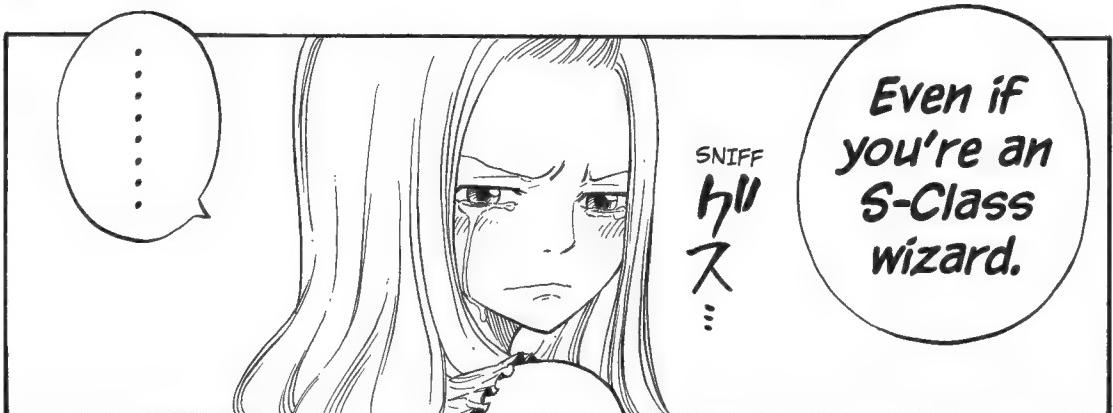
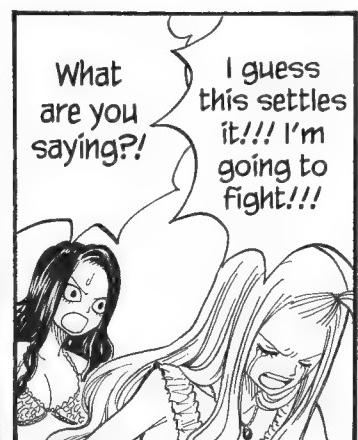
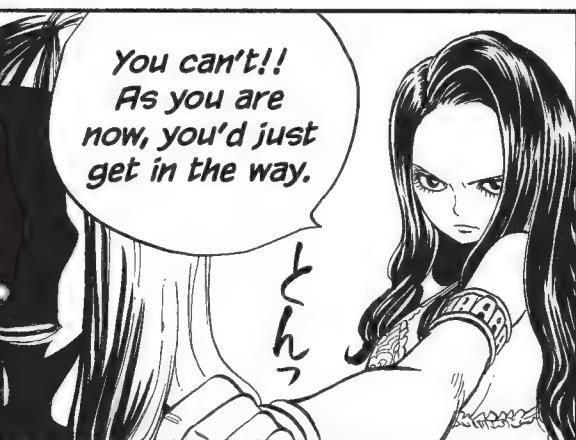
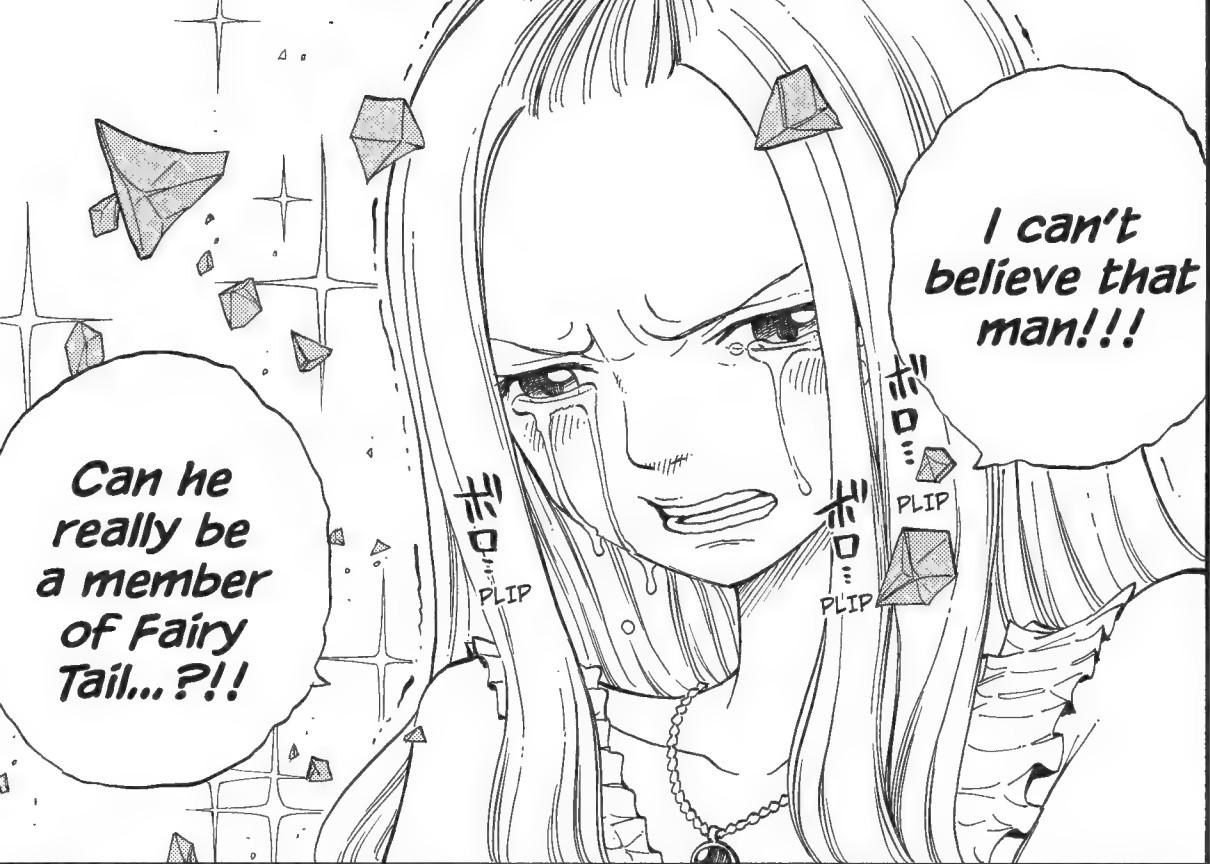
Do it yourself. The whole thing has got nothing to do with me.

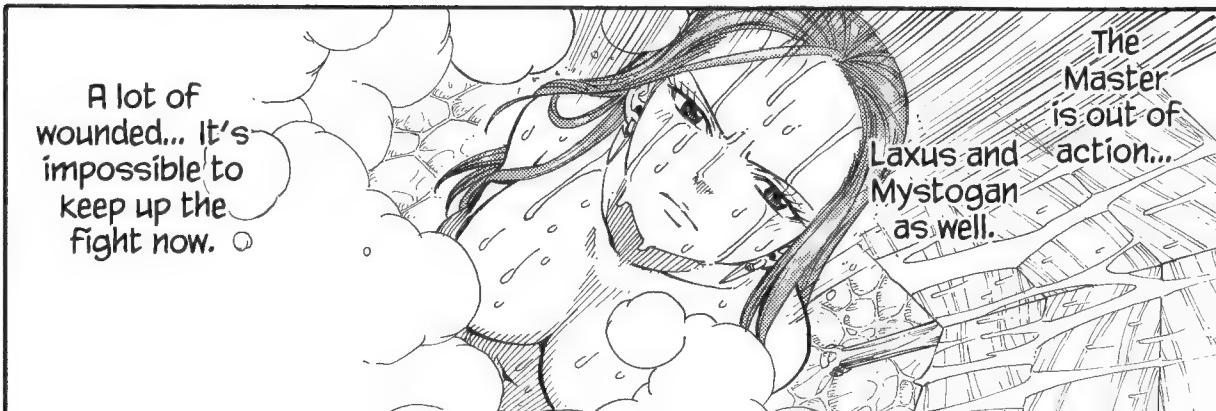
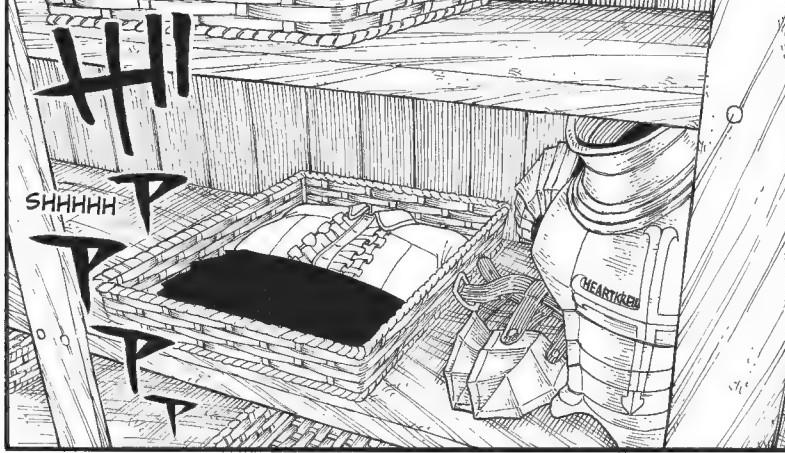
You mean that old fart finally got his?!? Ha ha ha!!!

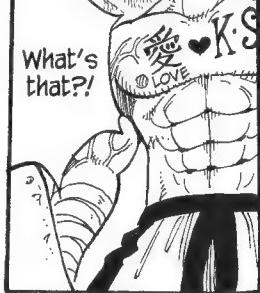
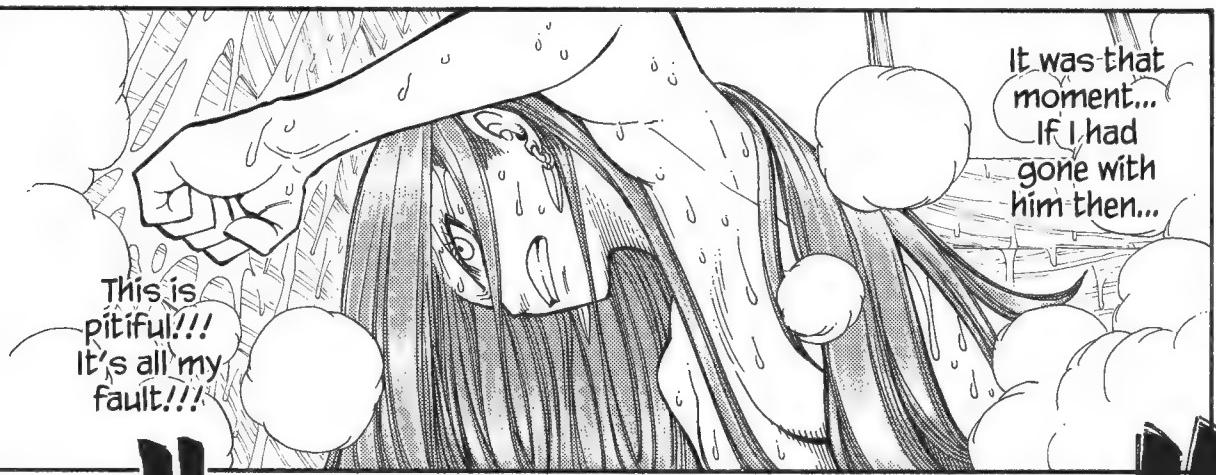
Please! Come back and help Fairy Tail in its darkest hour...

Communications Lacrima Crystal (Magic Item)
A crystal infused with magic to allow one to talk to people far away. They are presently researching smaller versions.



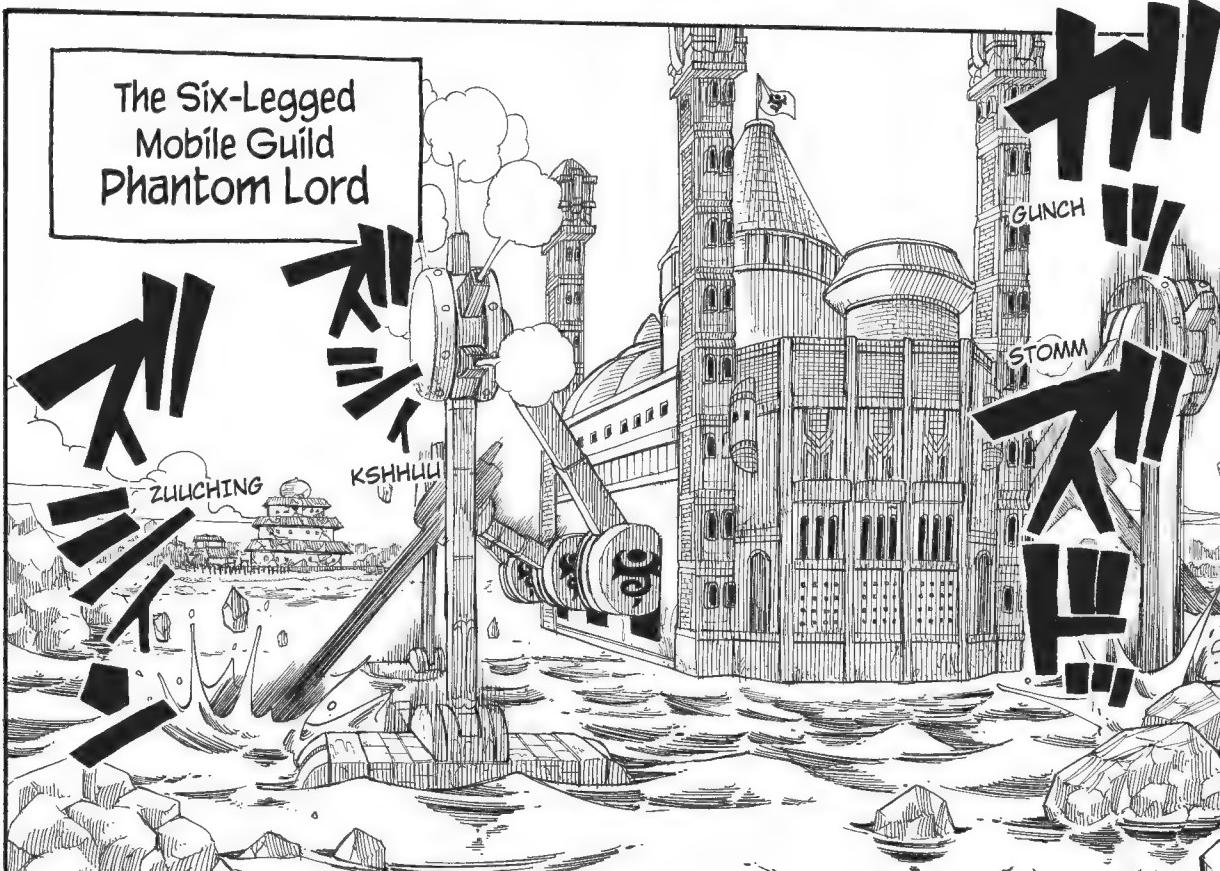


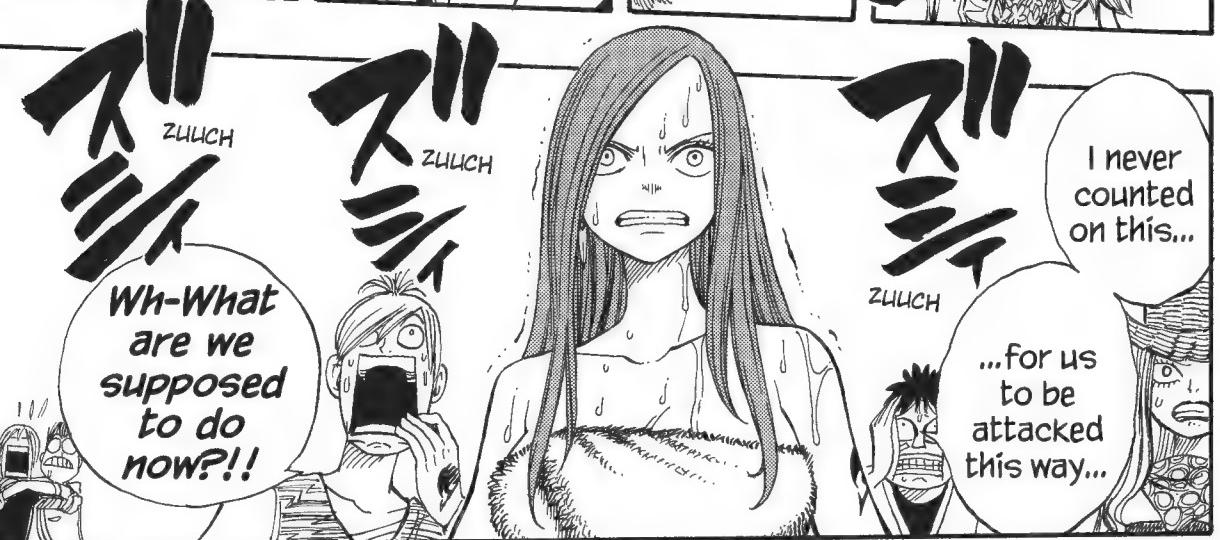
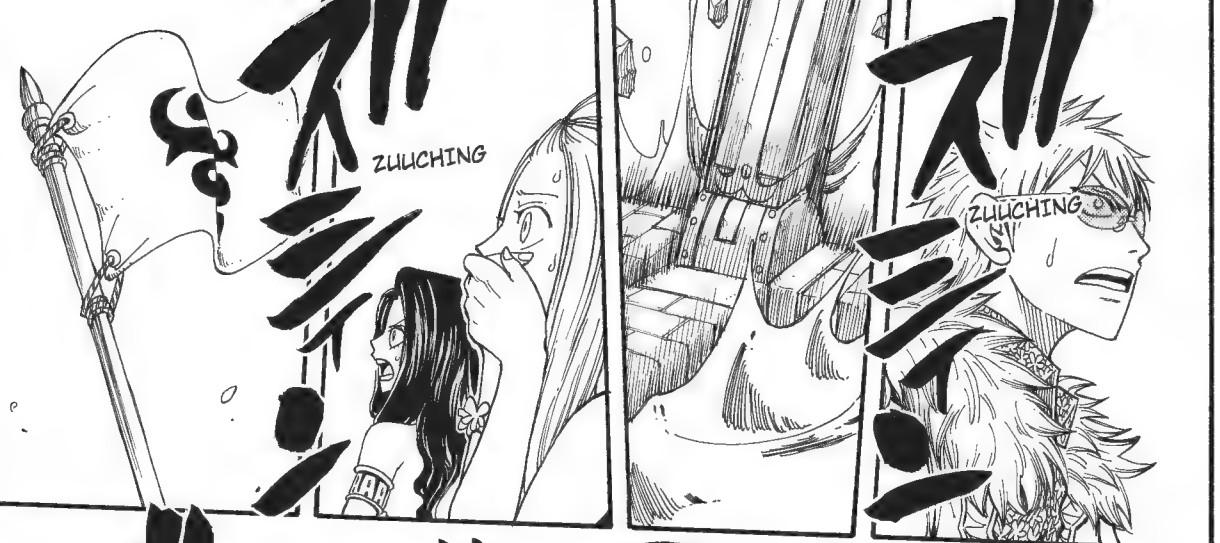


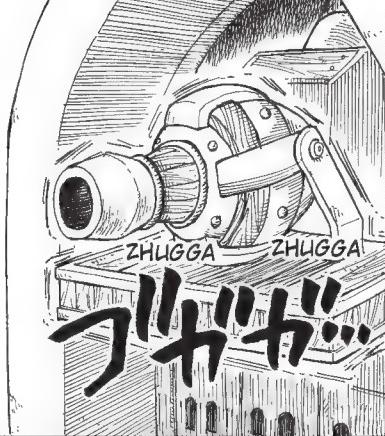
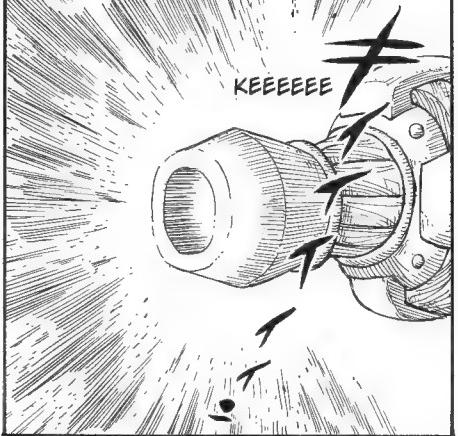


Wh-What
the hell is
that...?!!!



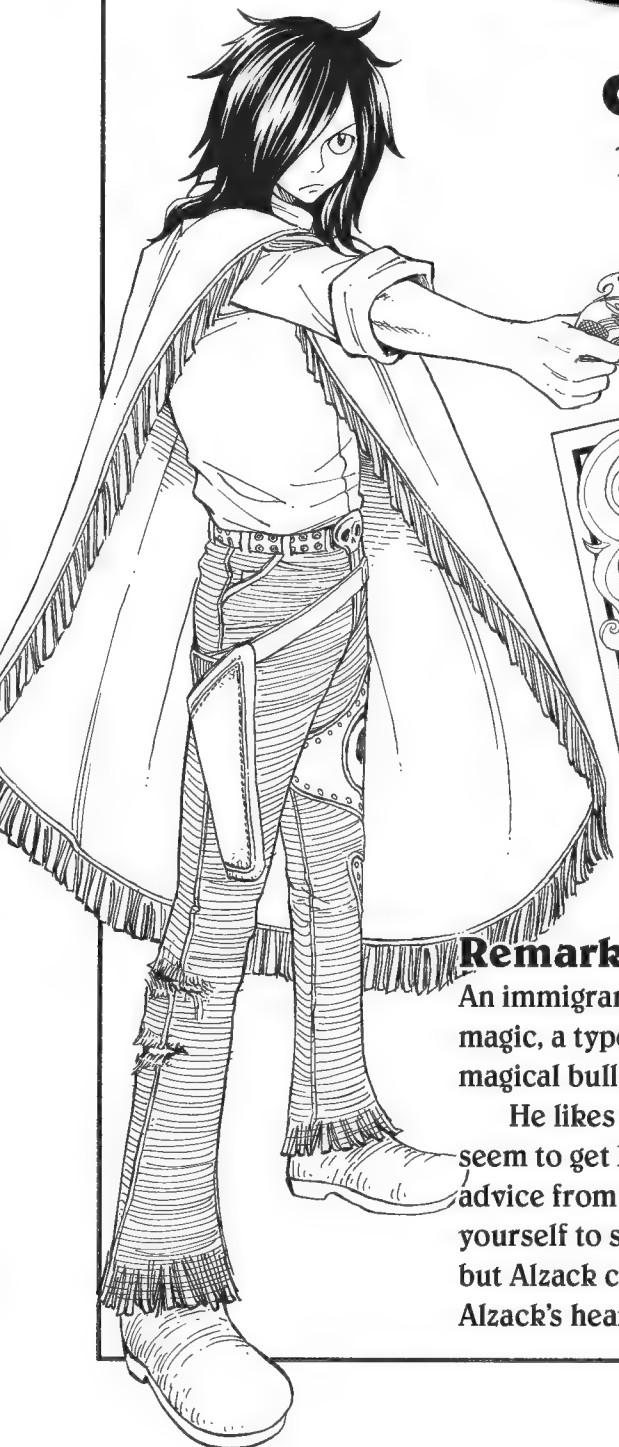






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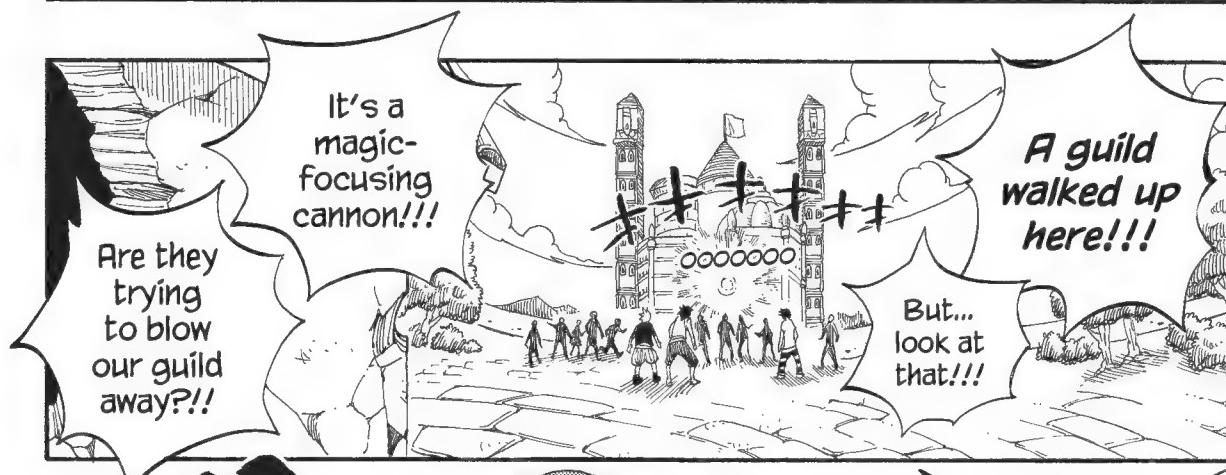
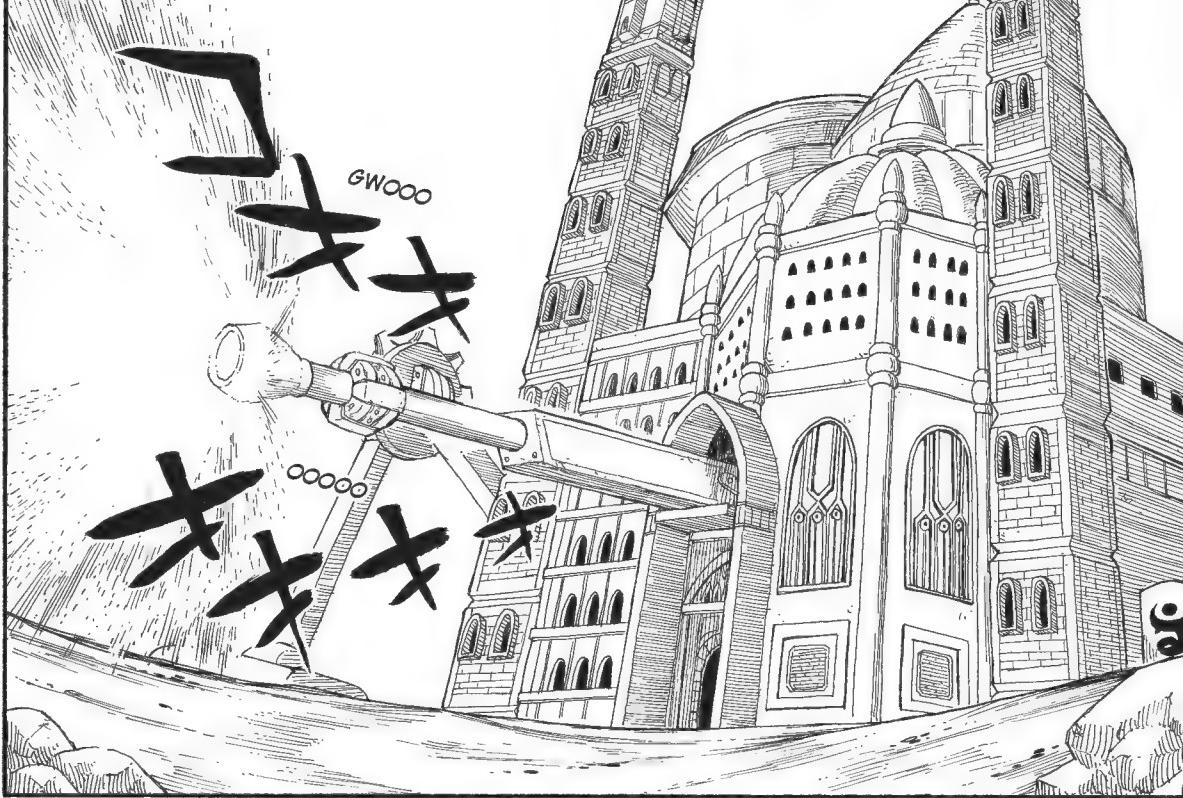
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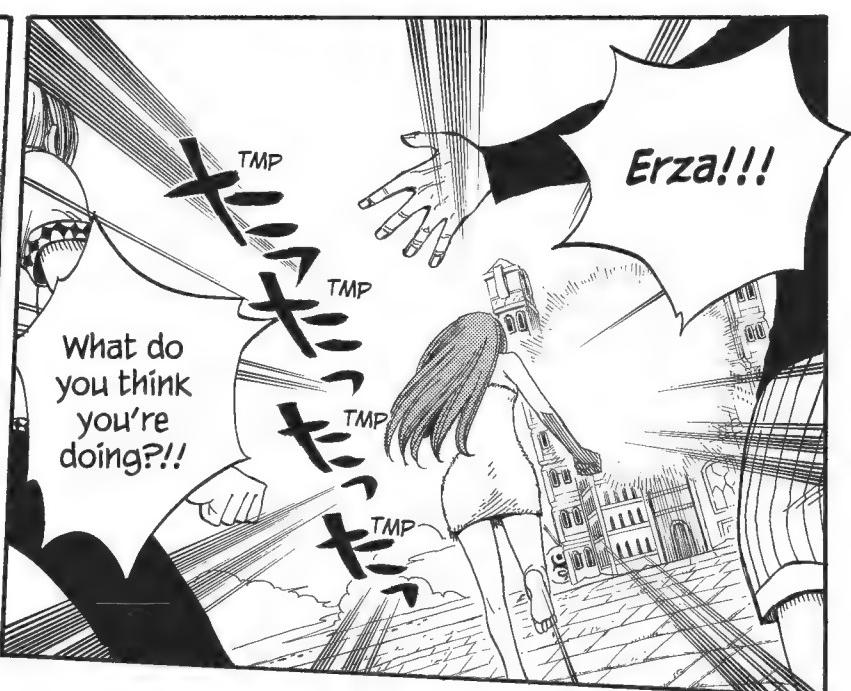


Remarks

An immigrant from the Western Continent, he uses gun magic, a type of magic where his guns are loaded with magical bullets.

He likes Bisca, a girl at Fairy Tail, but he can't seem to get his feelings across to her. He tried getting advice from Loke, but he was told, "If you can't bring yourself to say it, I'll take her for myself." It was a joke, but Alzack couldn't recognize the humor. Even now, Alzack's heart burns to know that he has a rival in love.





You
will not
harm our
guild!!!!

SHHH!

VWAA

Get
down
!!!!

I don't care how
high-level that
armor's defense
is suppose to be,
against that...

Don't do
it, Erza!!!
It'll kill
you!!!

Her
adamantine
armor!!!

She doesn't
think she can
stop that
thing, does
she??

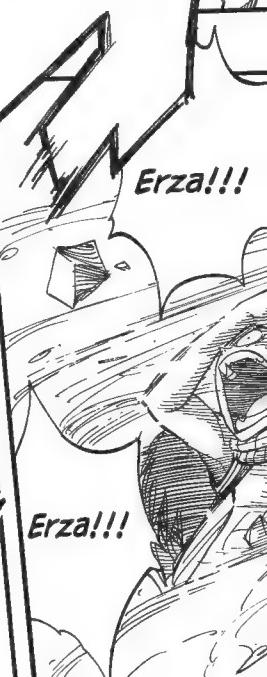
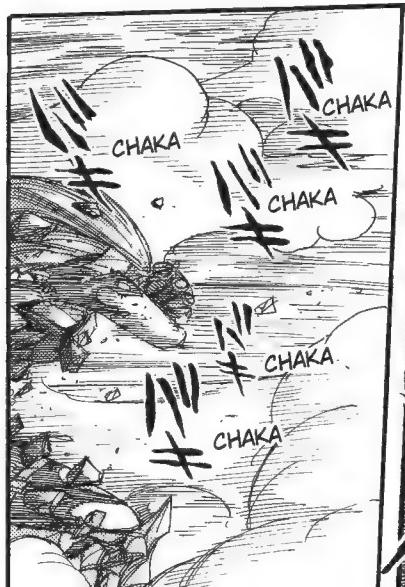
Oh,
n...

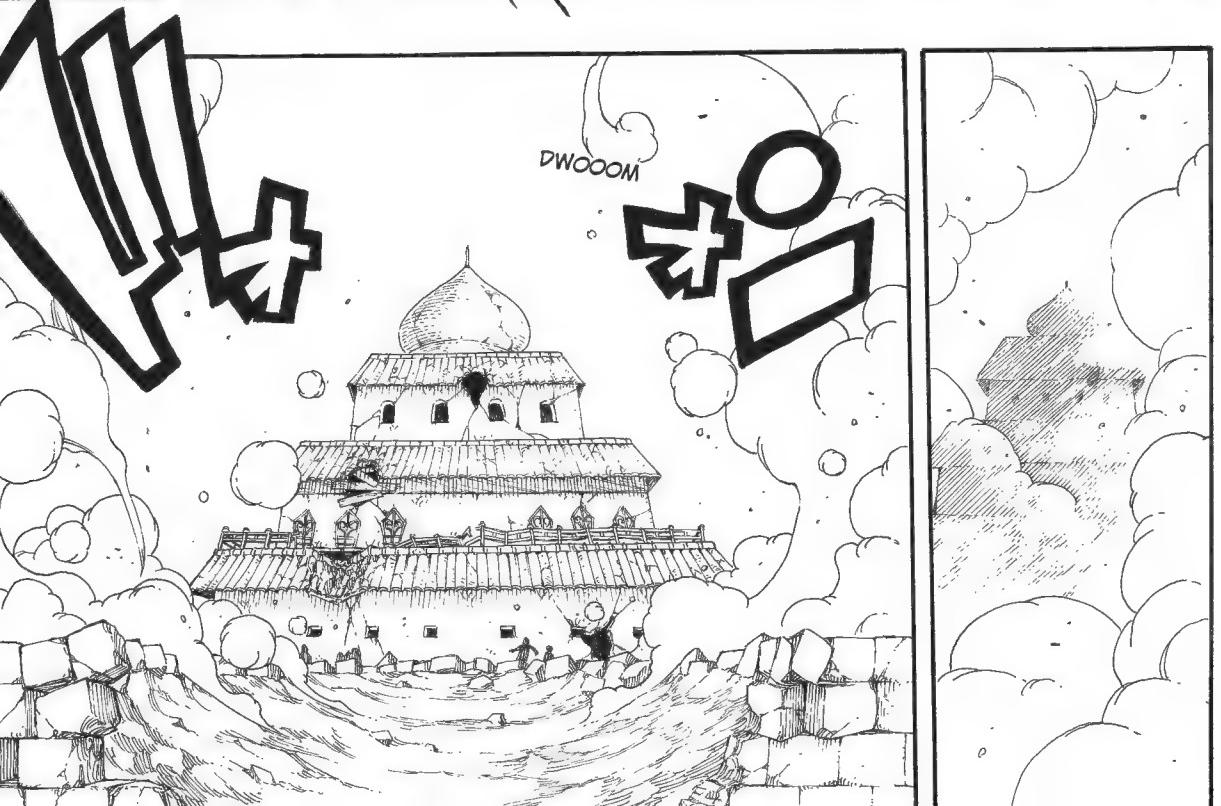
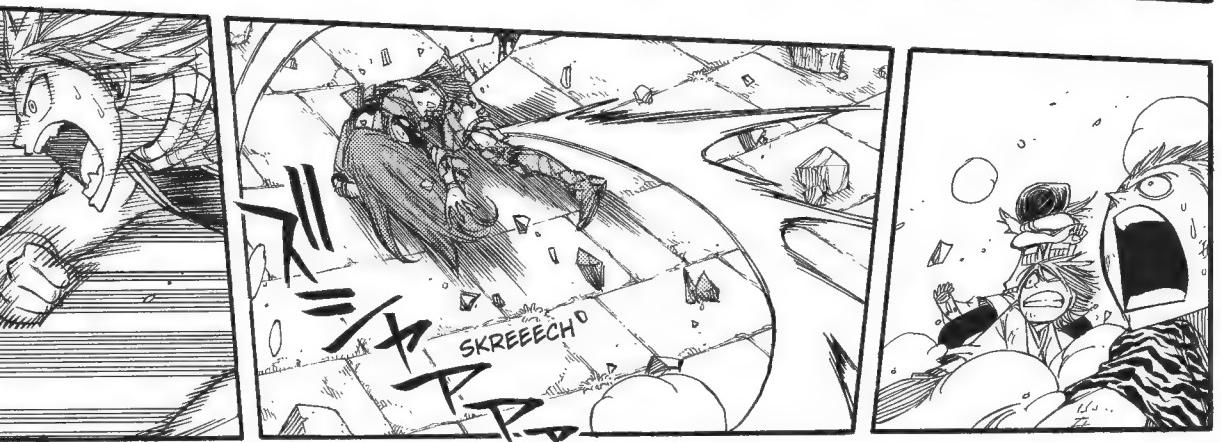
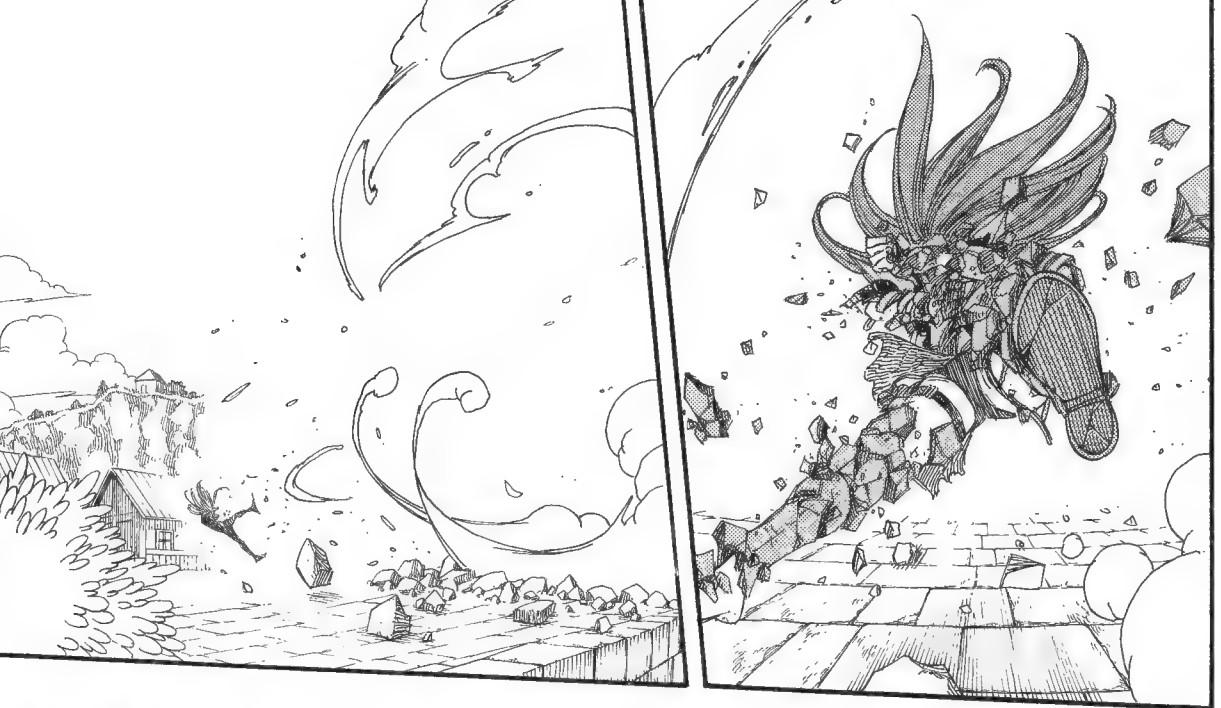
Natsu!!!
All you can
do now
is trust
Erza!!!

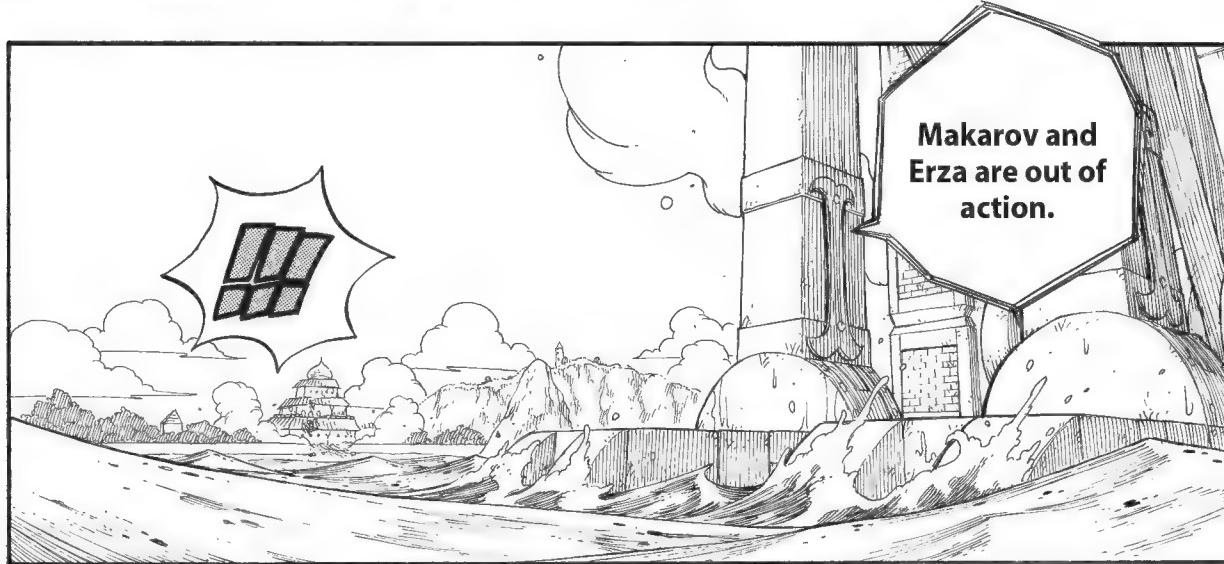
Erza!!!!

GRIMP



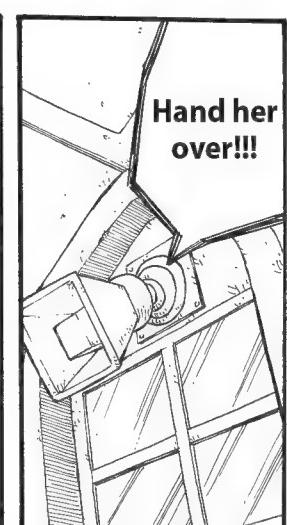
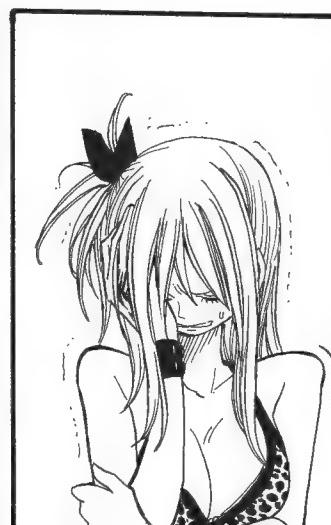
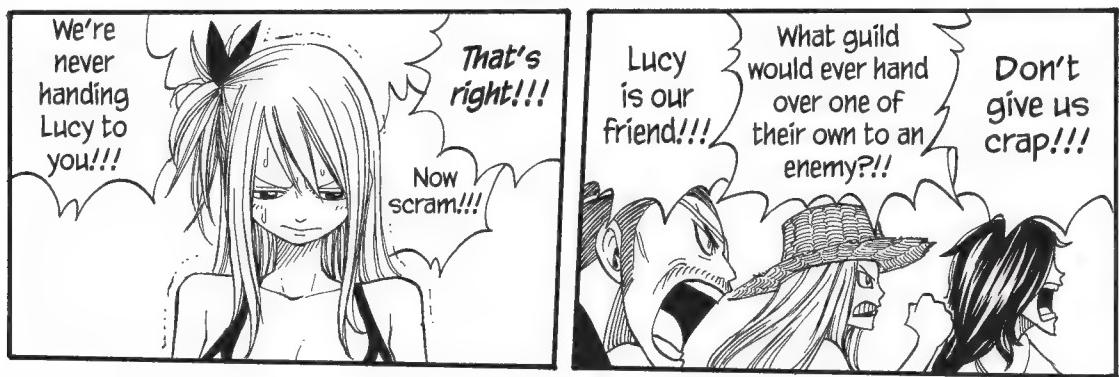


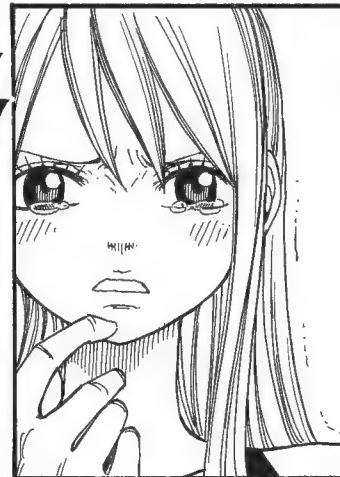






And I
want her
now!!!!





We're going
to smash
you into the
dirt!!!!

Do what
you want!
Our answer
will always
be the
same!!!!

Oh,
ho?

YEAH

AAAHH

I will allow
you the
fifteen
minutes it
takes to
repower
to wallow
in your
fear!!!!

If that's
what you
want, then
you're
going
to get a
heaping
serving of
Jupiter!!!!



...or be
killed by
Jupiter!!!!

Be killed
by my
troopers...

Those are
Jose's magical
Shade Troopers...
They aren't human.
They're ghost
soldiers that Jose
created!!!

!!!

No,
they'll
shoot!

I-It's just
a threat...
They won't
shoot....!

I don't get it!!!
They're going
to kill their own
people with
Jupiter?

I'll go in
and rip it
apart!!!

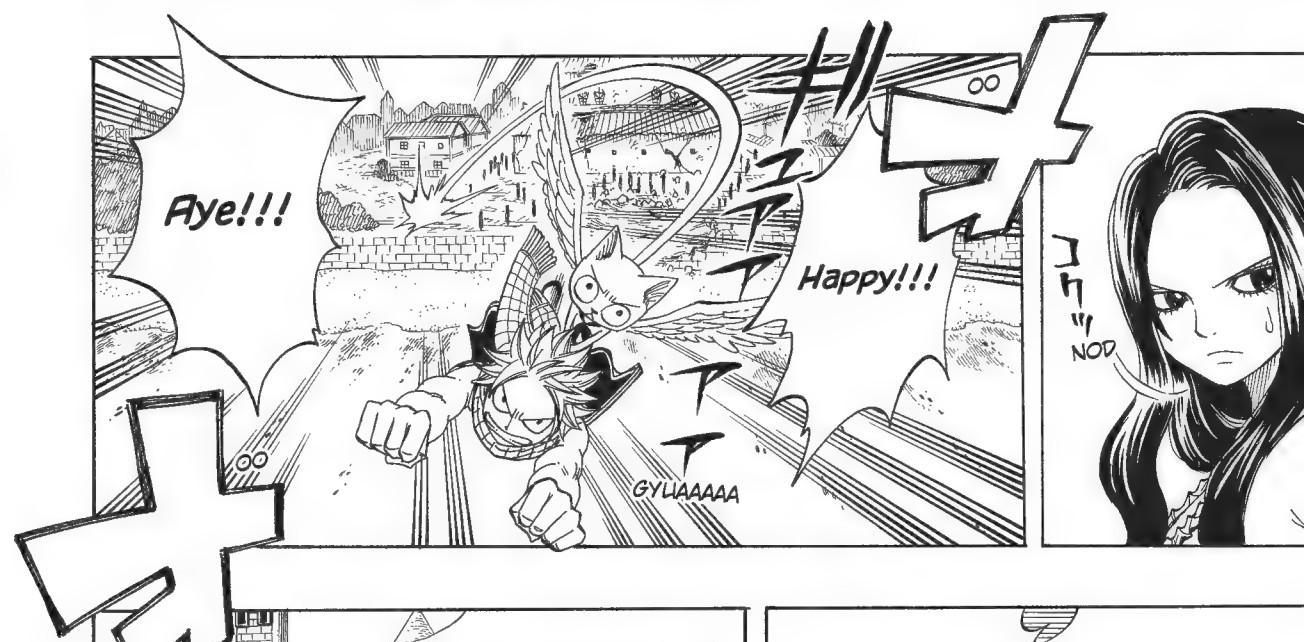
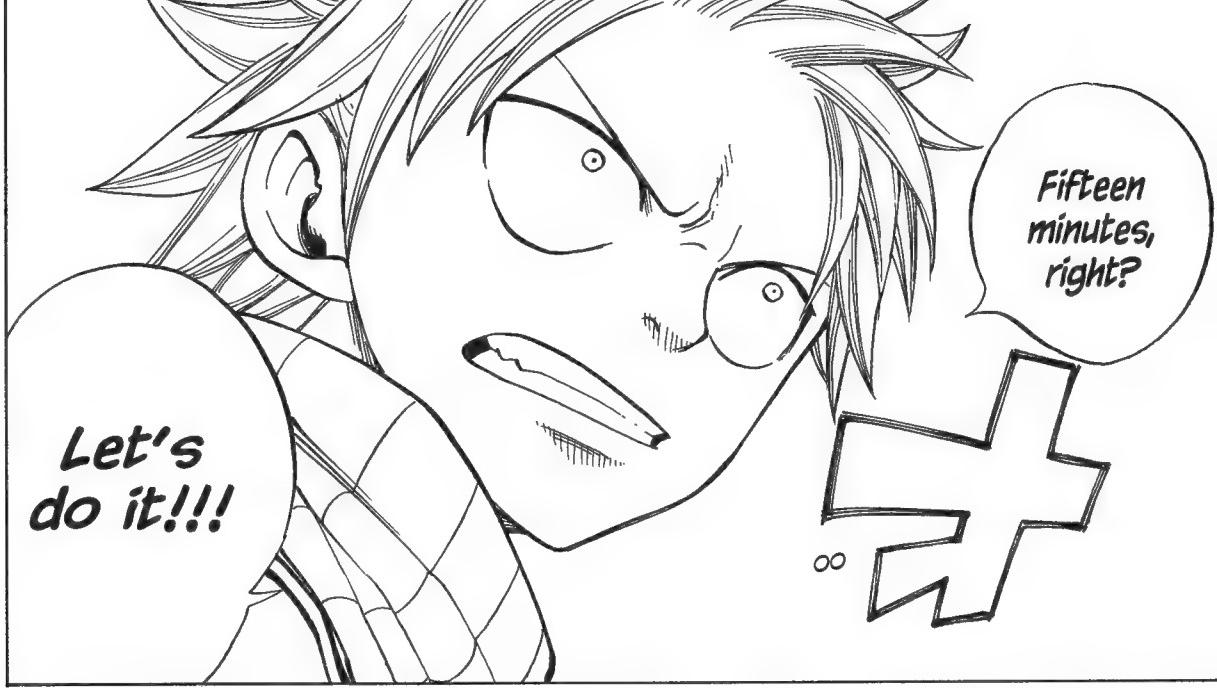
Natsu...

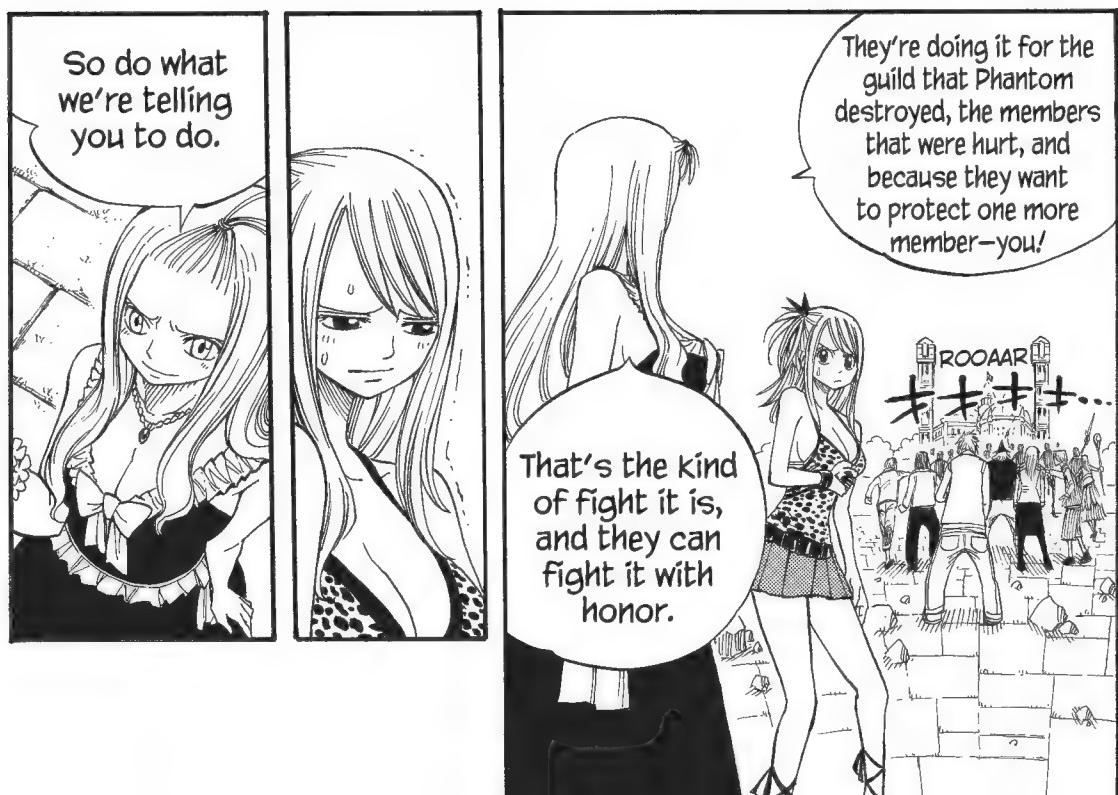
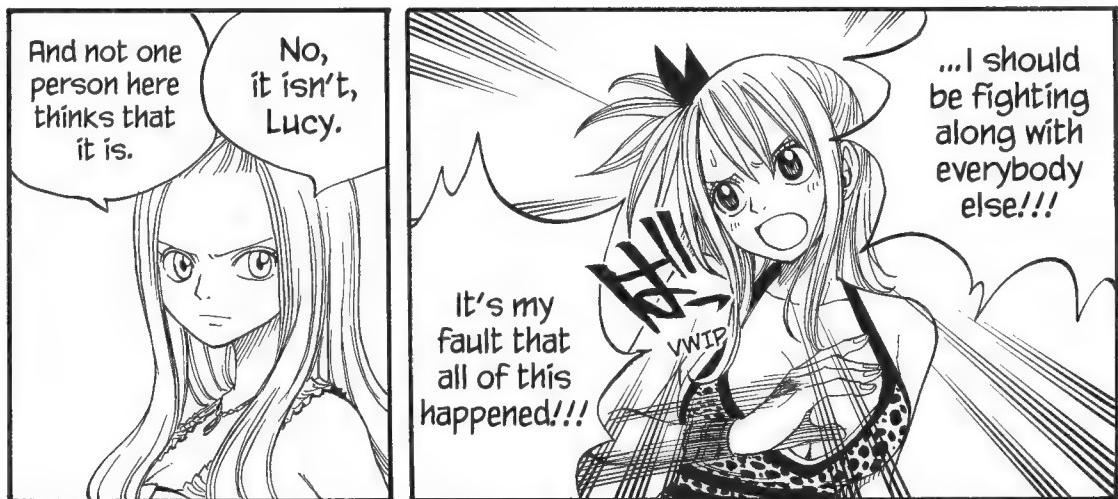
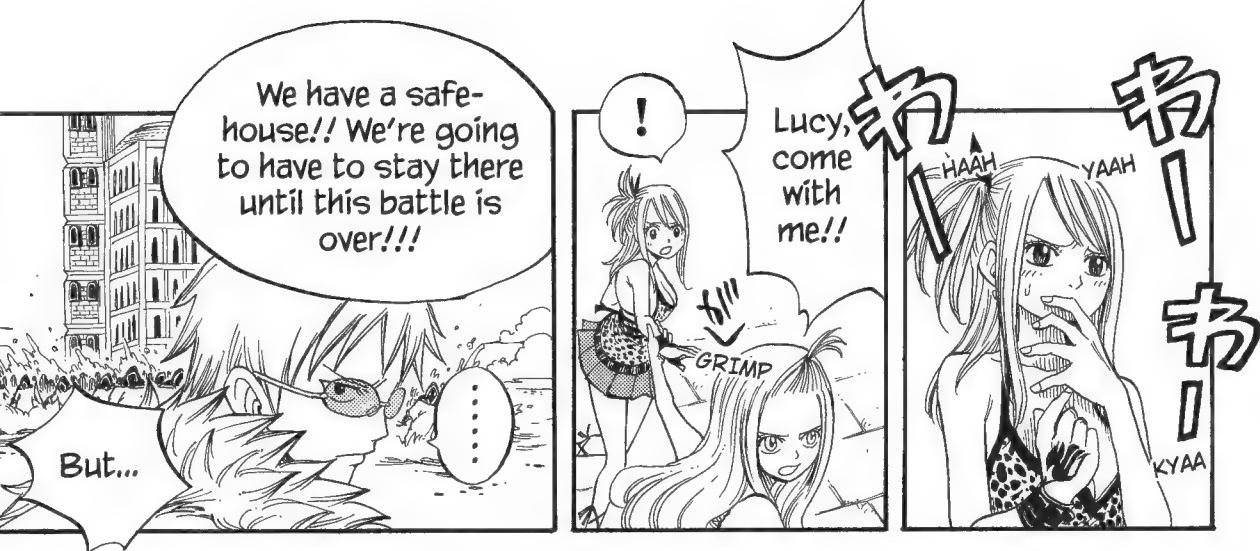
We have to
stop Jupiter
somehow...

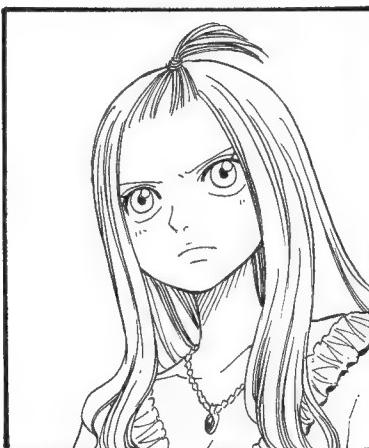
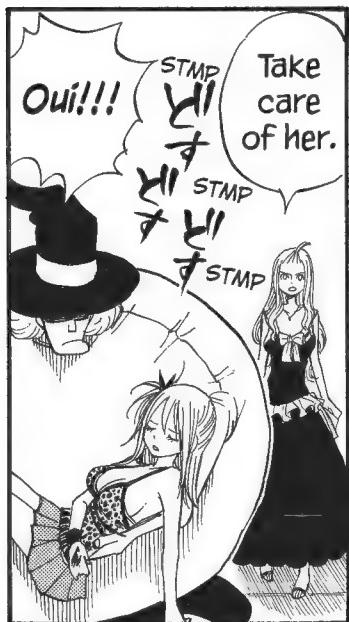
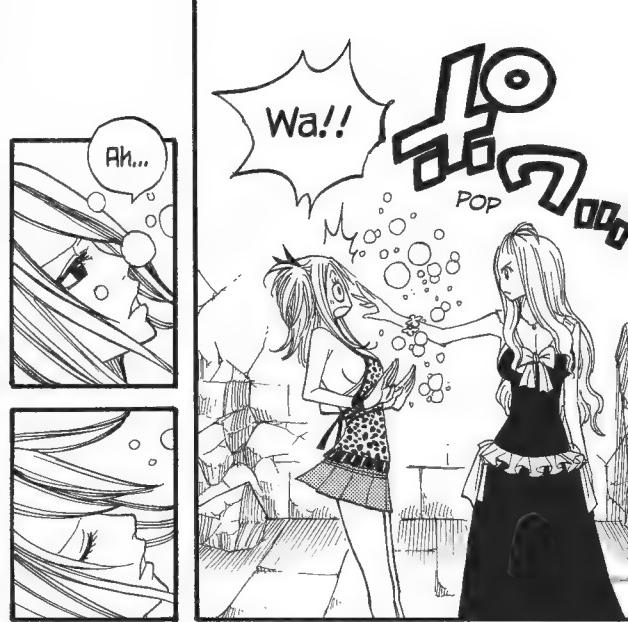
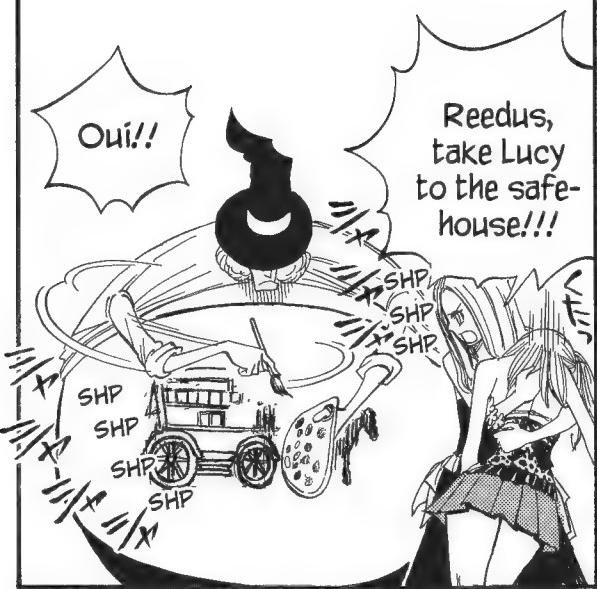
Shade...
What?!!

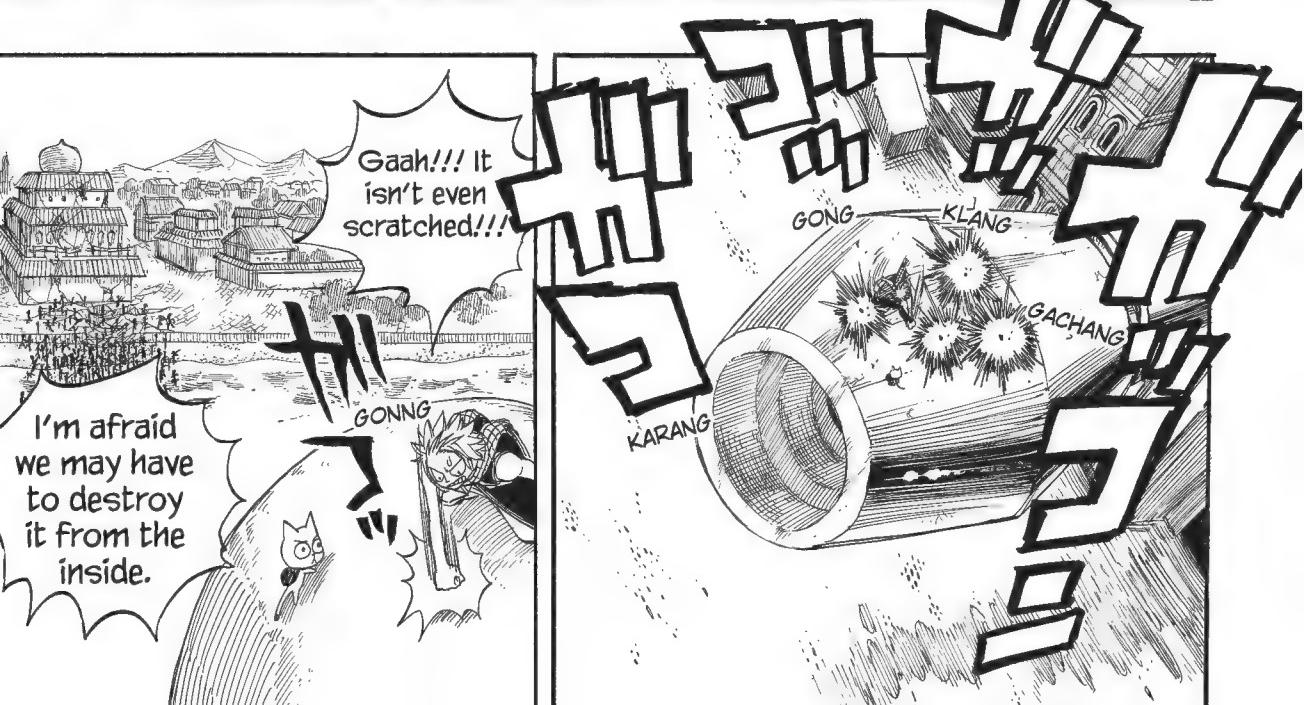
You mean
monsters?

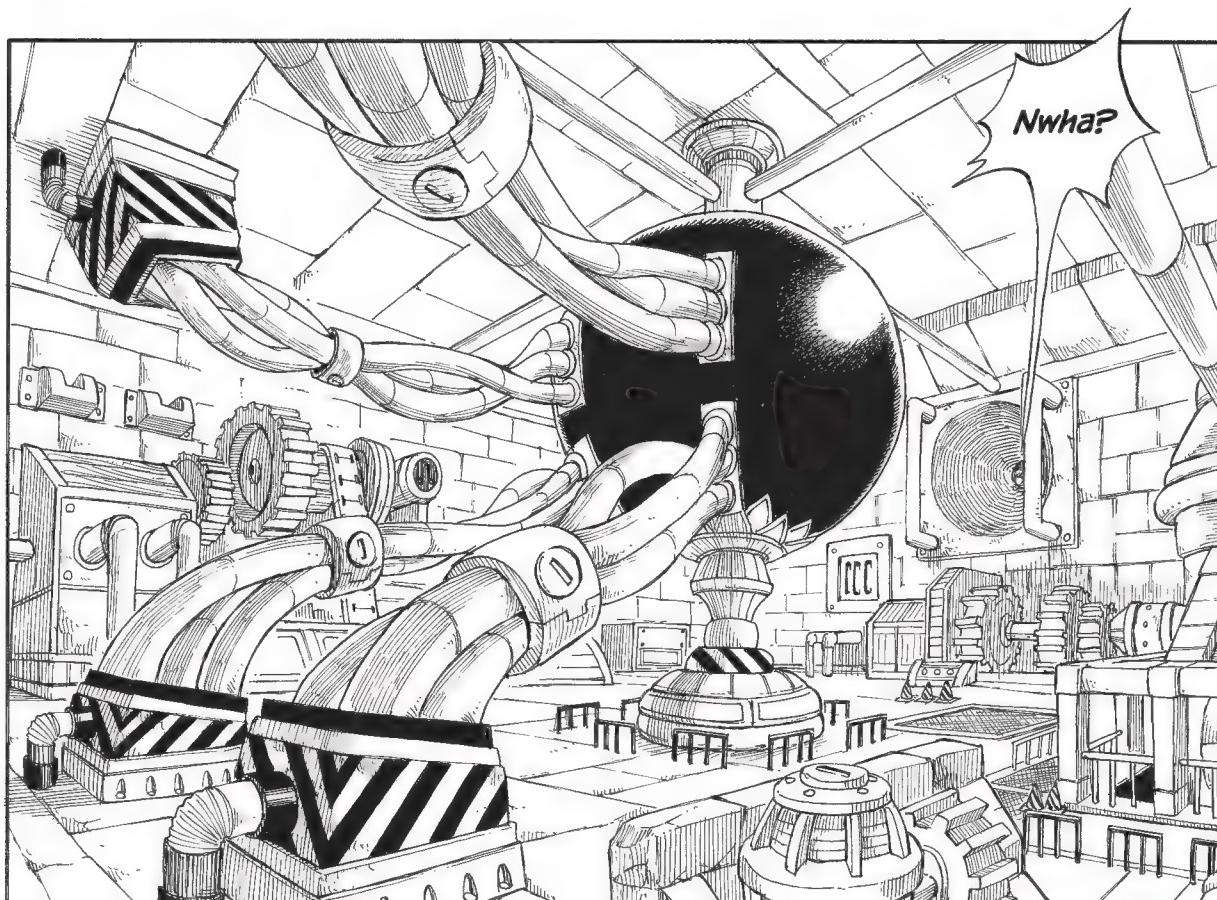
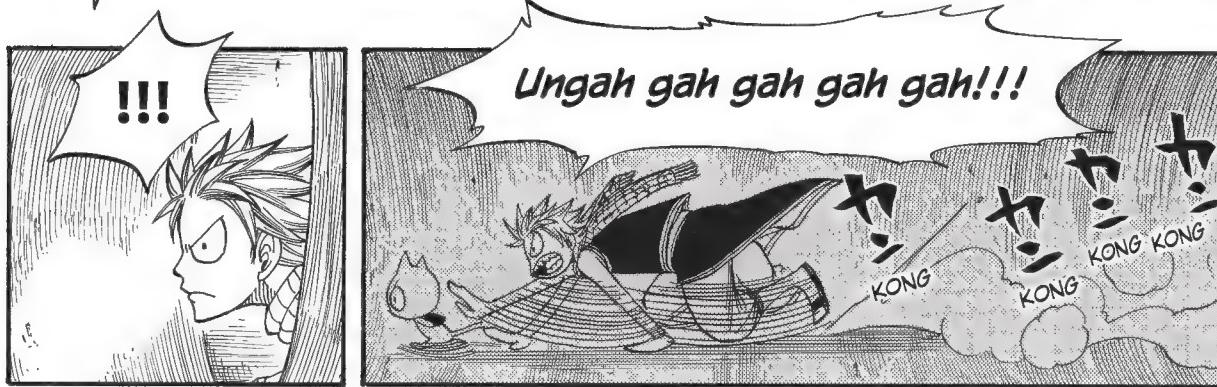
SHAKK

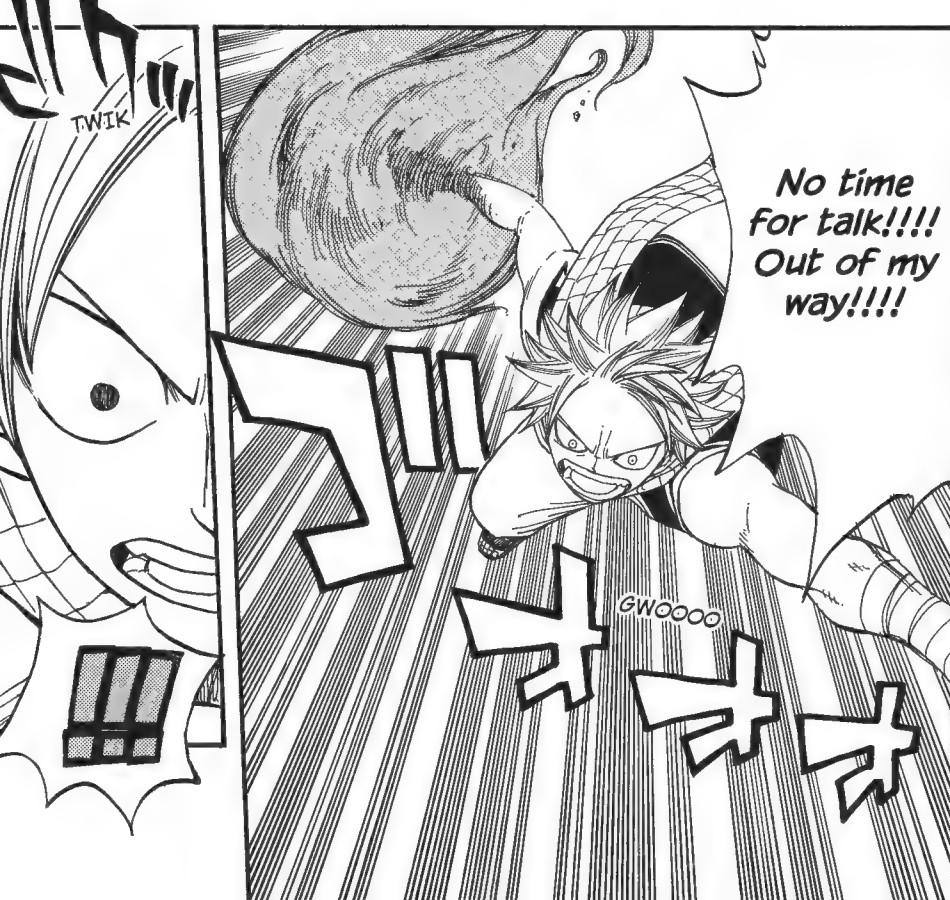


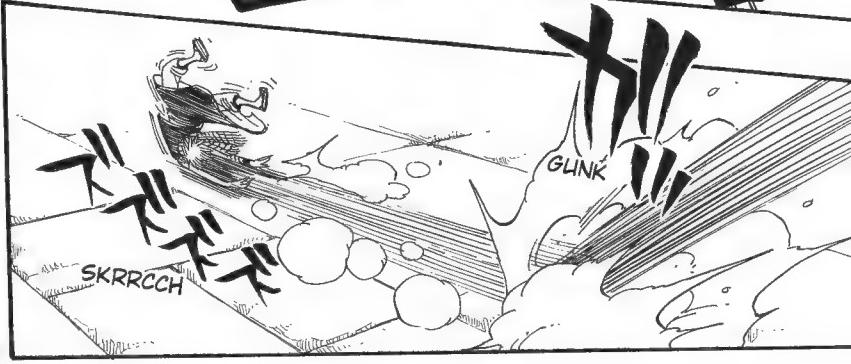












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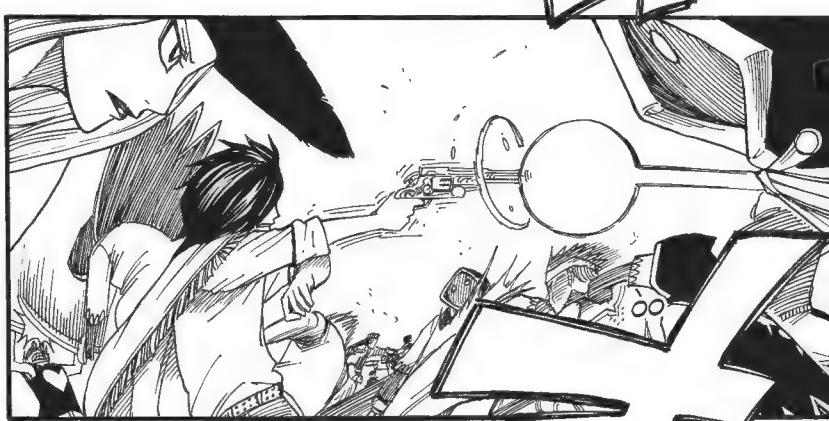
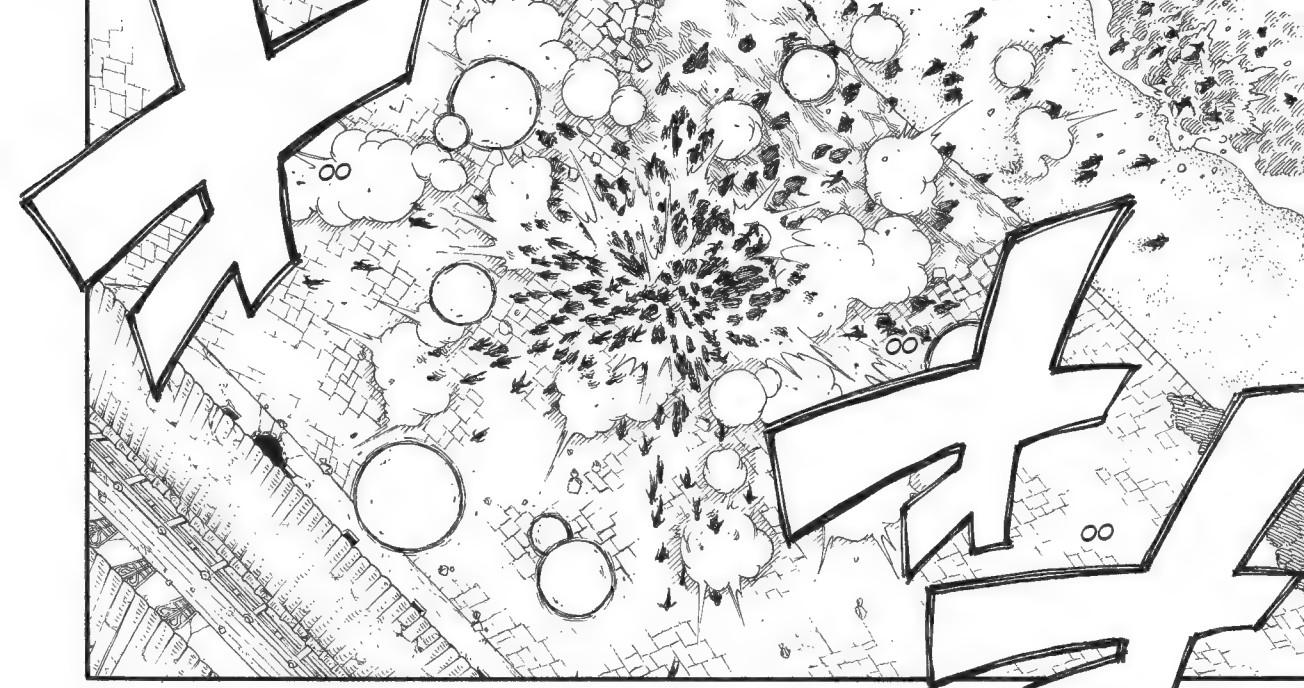
Chapter 53: The Heat of Battle

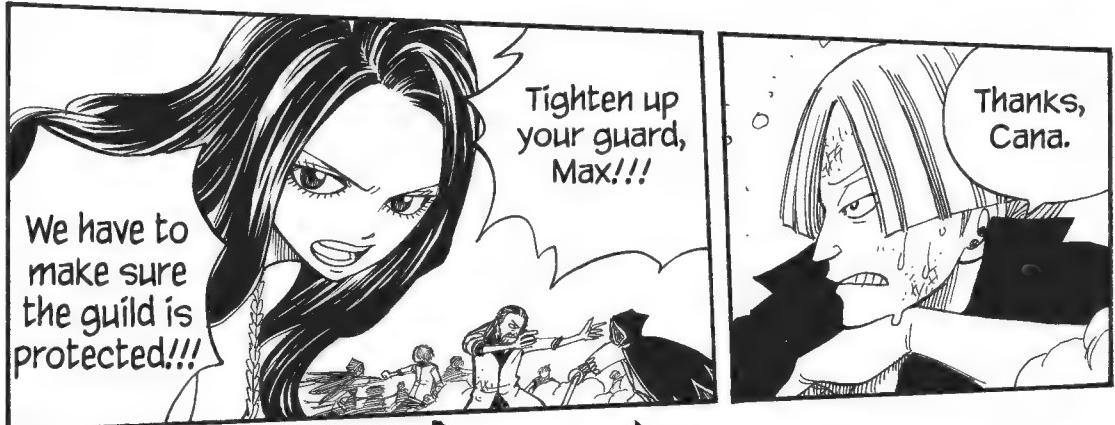


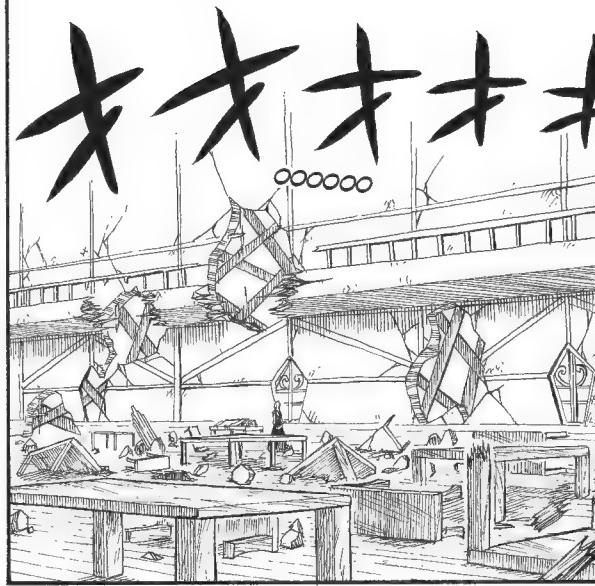
Remarks

She immigrated from the Western Continent. Her magic, the gunner, is a type that fights with a wide variety of guns that she reequips (exchanged in and out from a dimension that holds them). She uses the same kind of guns as Alzack. She likes Alzack, but she hasn't been able to make her feelings known. She looks up to Erza, and so asked her advice. But Erza just shouted, "You weakling!!"

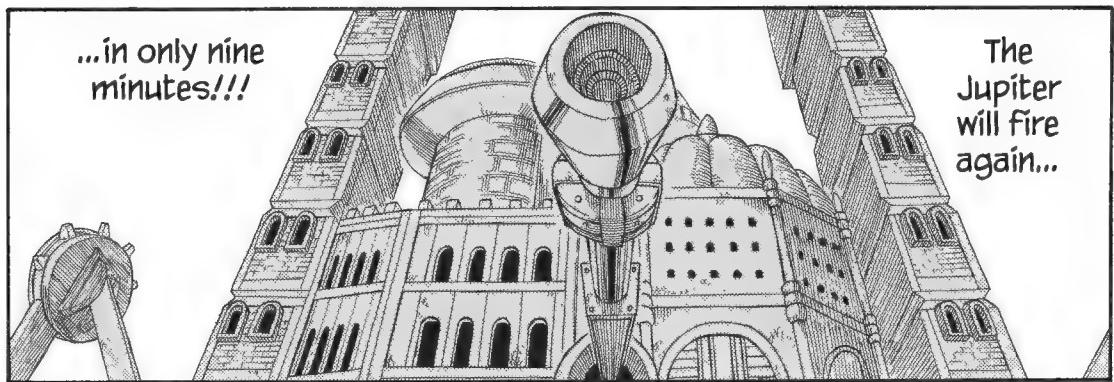
The next day, she finally decided to gather up her courage and tell him, but that was the day that Phantom attacked, and the opportunity vanished.



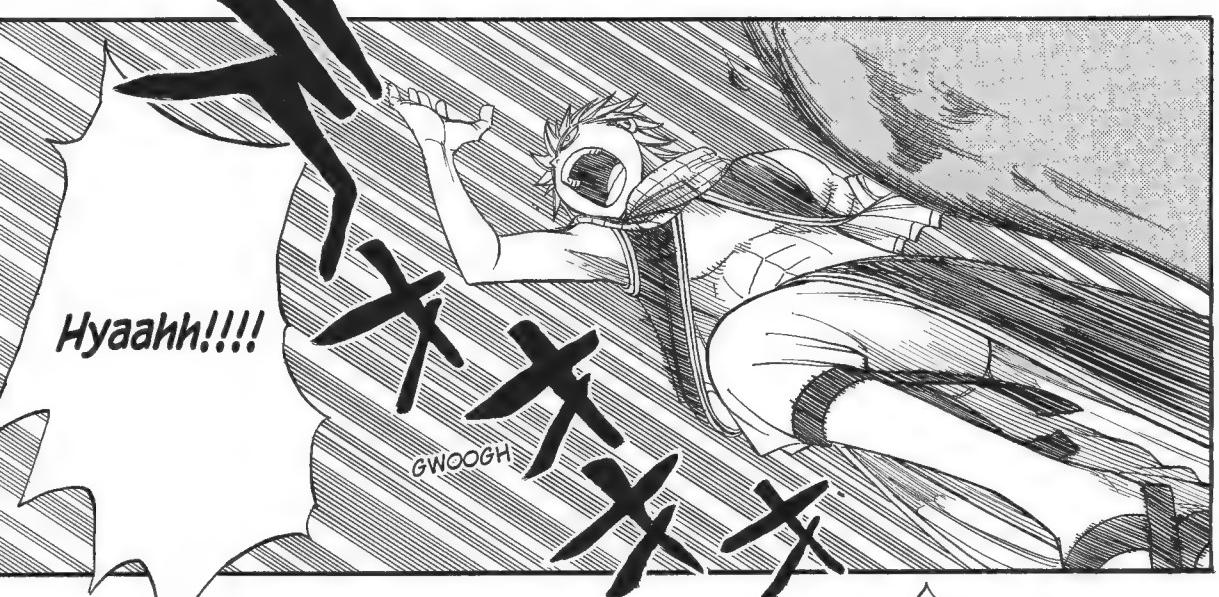


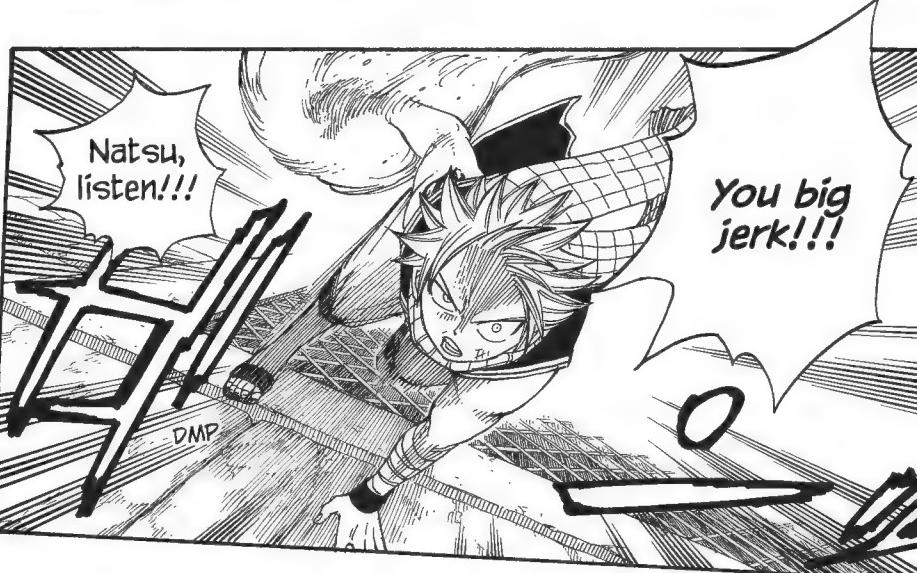


↑ Mirajane transformed into Lucy's likeness.



With the lacrima broken,
the Jupiter
shouldn't be
able to fire!!





Every fire is completely under my control!!

I am Totomaru, and I control the element of flame.

SKREECH

KLINK

My Fire is mine!!!

It may be natural or generated by an enemy, but all flames belong to me!!!

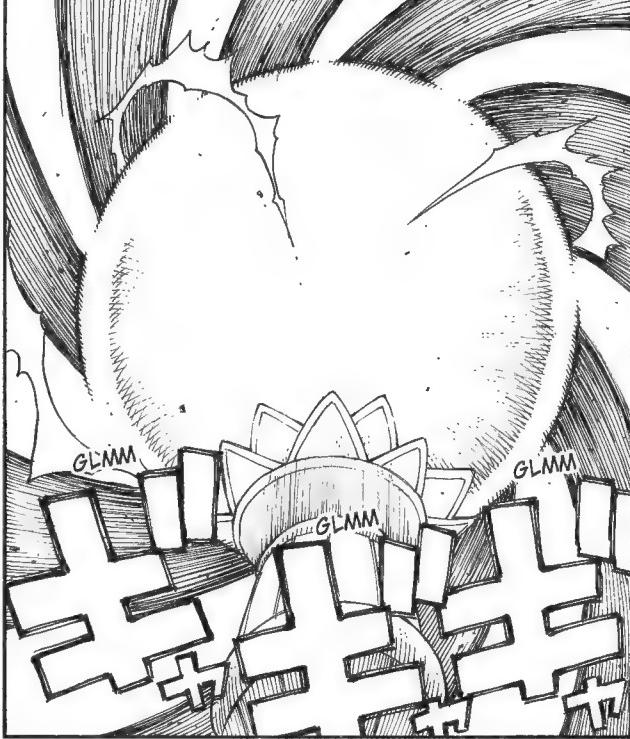
What did you say?!!

Fire Wizard !!

You were unlucky in your choice of opponents.

Your first job is to destroy this thing!!!

Natsu, who really cares about that?!!



Urp!!

ぐん

!

That was cold!!!
I've never tasted
fire like that
before!!

GULP

GOBBLE

GOBBLE

GOBBLE

GOBBLE

MUNCH

MUNCH

MUNCH

It seems
we both are
unlucky in our
choices of
opponents.

I see...so
you are the fire
dragon slayer
that all the
rumors tell
of.

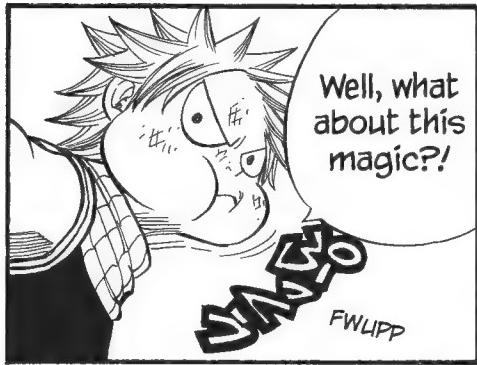
You
haven't
eaten my
fire yet!!

Don't go
pretending
like that's
been
decided!!

Neither of our
fires can affect
the other.

Huh?

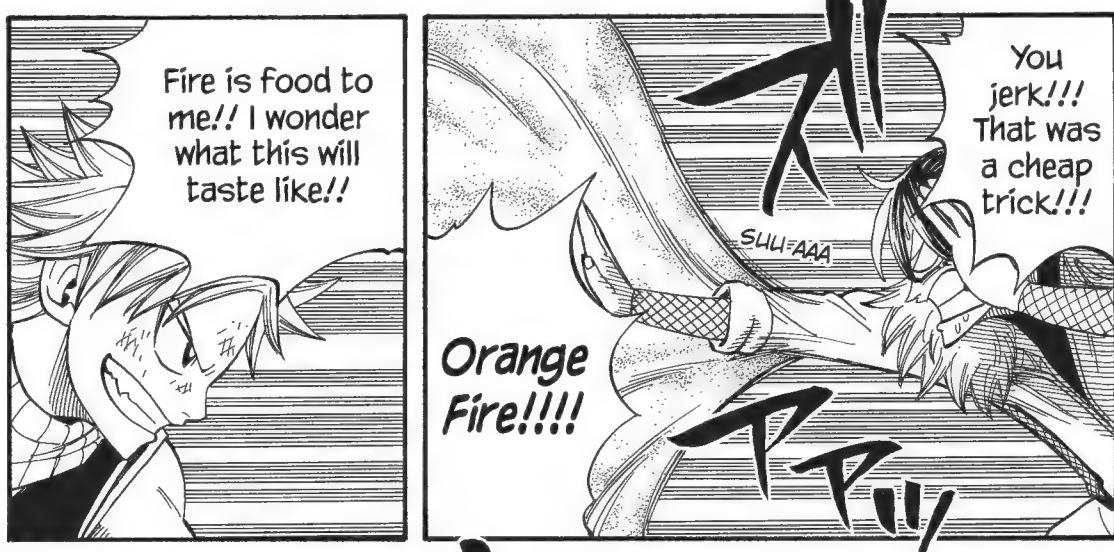
As I said,
your fire will
never touch
me!



It doesn't
matter which
magic you use.
As long as
it's fire, I can
control it.



*...Spit!!!!







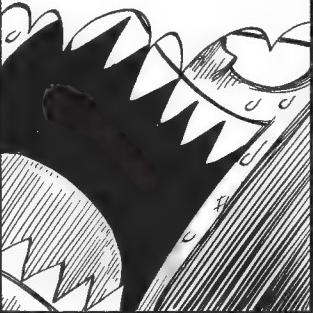




Urrggh!!!

What?!!
Th-That
fire isn't
moving
under my
control!!!

!!



N
a
t
s
u
!!!

He figured
out the
concept
in the
middle of a
battle???

H-He
can't have
wrested
control
from
me!!

Thirty-two seconds
until Jupiter fires.







I wasn't
aiming at you
in the first
place!!!!

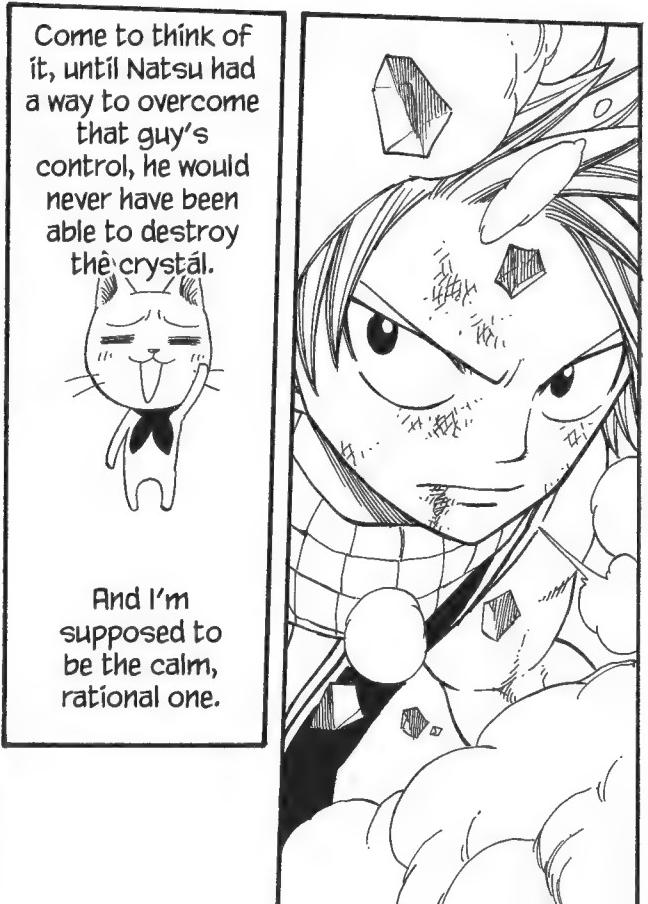
BAKOW



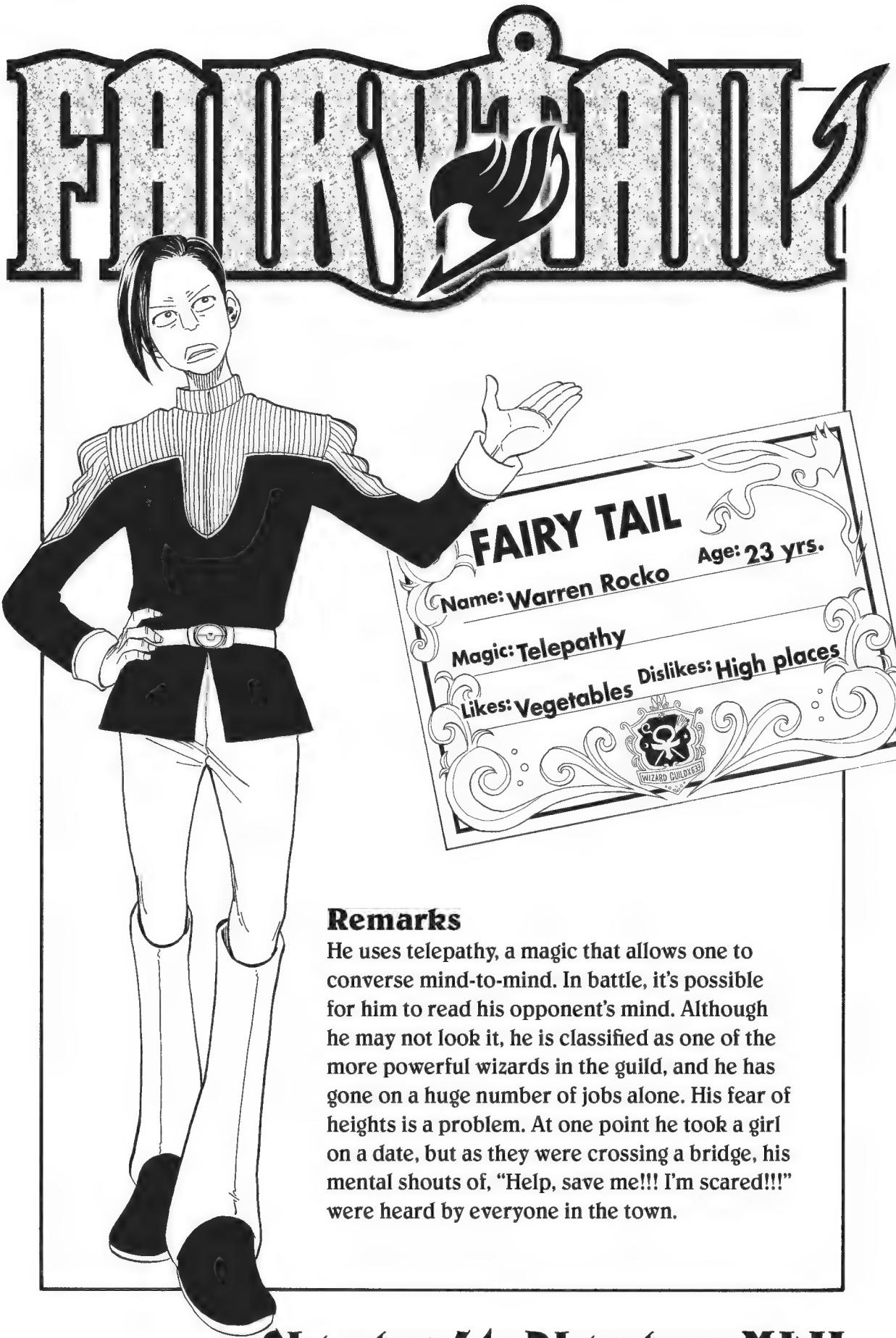
Come to think of it, until Natsu had a way to overcome that guy's control, he would never have been able to destroy the crystal.



And I'm supposed to be the calm, rational one.

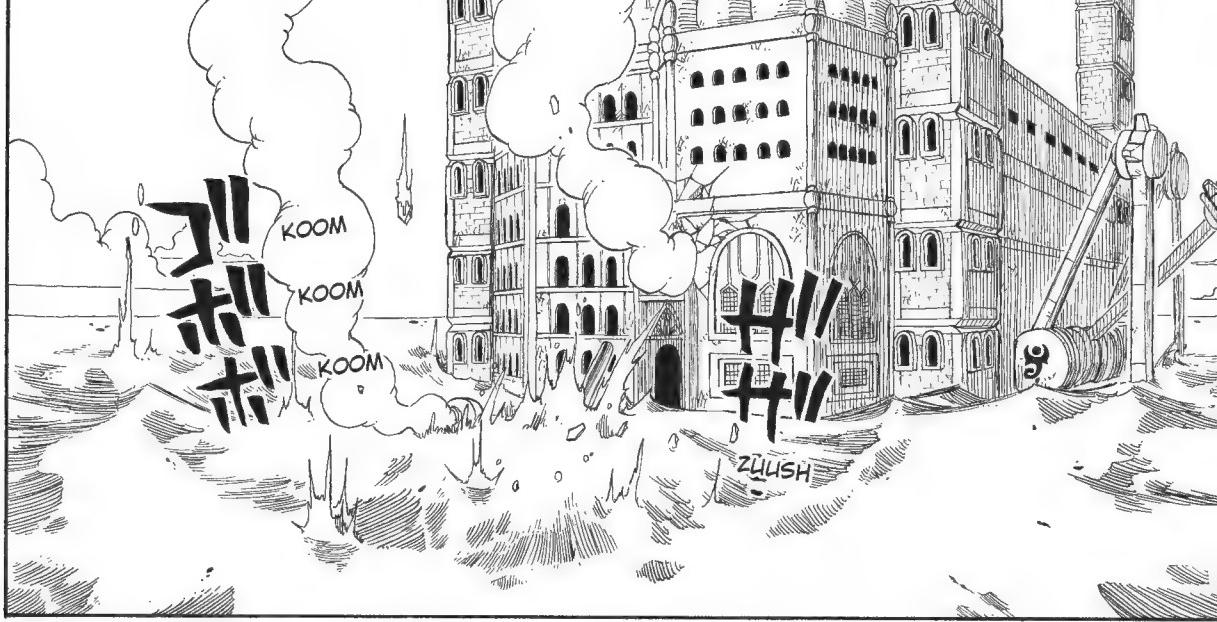




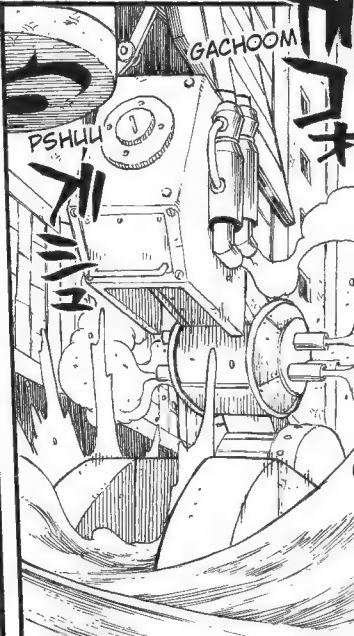
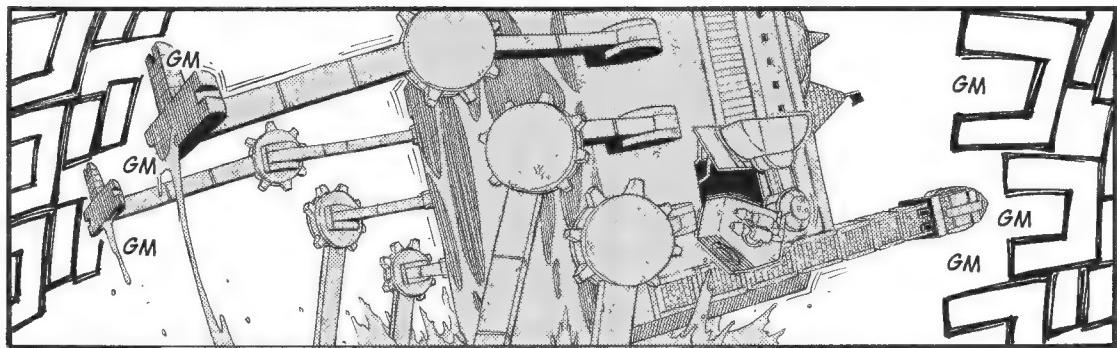


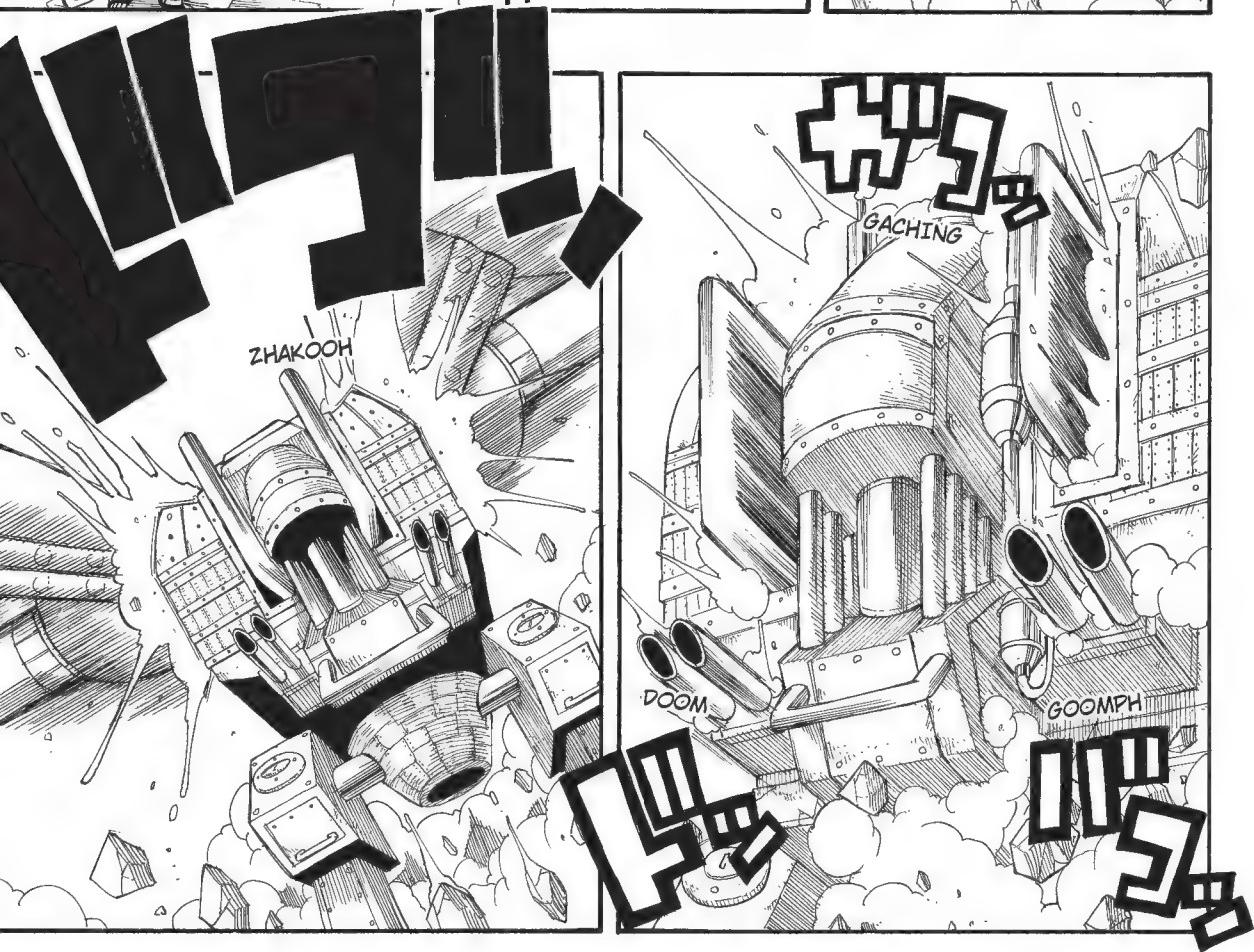
Remarks

He uses telepathy, a magic that allows one to converse mind-to-mind. In battle, it's possible for him to read his opponent's mind. Although he may not look it, he is classified as one of the more powerful wizards in the guild, and he has gone on a huge number of jobs alone. His fear of heights is a problem. At one point he took a girl on a date, but as they were crossing a bridge, his mental shouts of, "Help, save me!!! I'm scared!!!" were heard by everyone in the town.

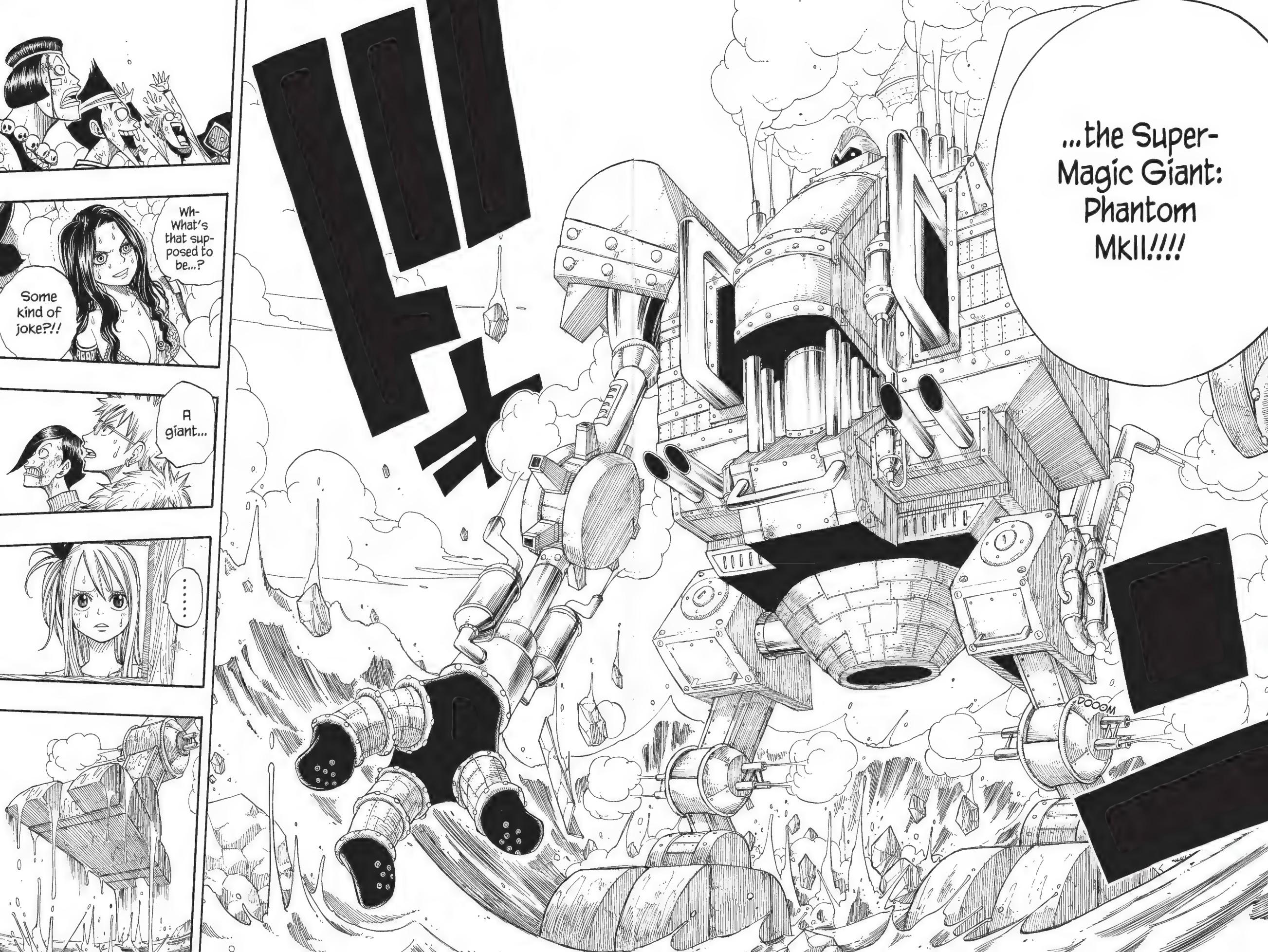








...the Super-Magic Giant: Phantom MkII!!!!



It's coming this way!!!!

ZLICHANG

ZLICHANG

Ah!!

Maybe...but...
that thing's
moving, and
Natsu's in
it...

Let's concentrate
on the enemy we're
facing right here!!!
Natsu will figure out
a way to stop that
thing!!!

Eeeee!!!

What's it
trying to do?
Step
on our
guild??

Wh-What's
the matter
with him...?

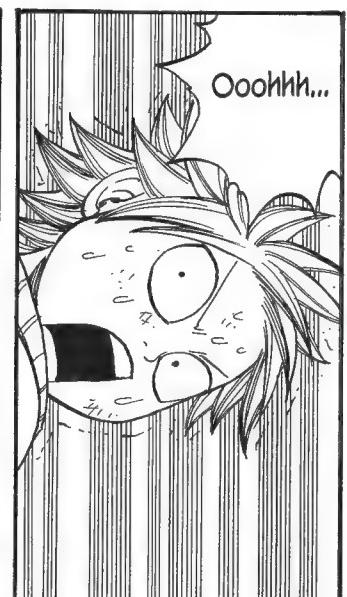
!!!

ZLICHANG

Urph...

Oo...
ohh...

ZLICHANG





If you were a man, you'd turn it around and make the moving vehicle sick of you!!!

Hey, Natsu-san, you really are pathetic!!



But why did it suddenly turn side-up and start moving?

Aye.

So this is what's left of Jupiter?

Okay, you did a good job.

Just too cool...

You guys...

Urph!!

Ohh...

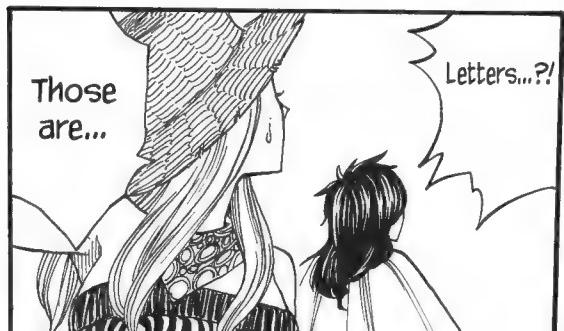
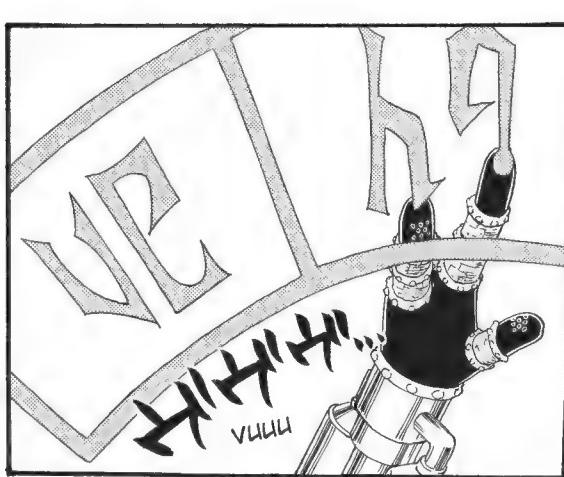
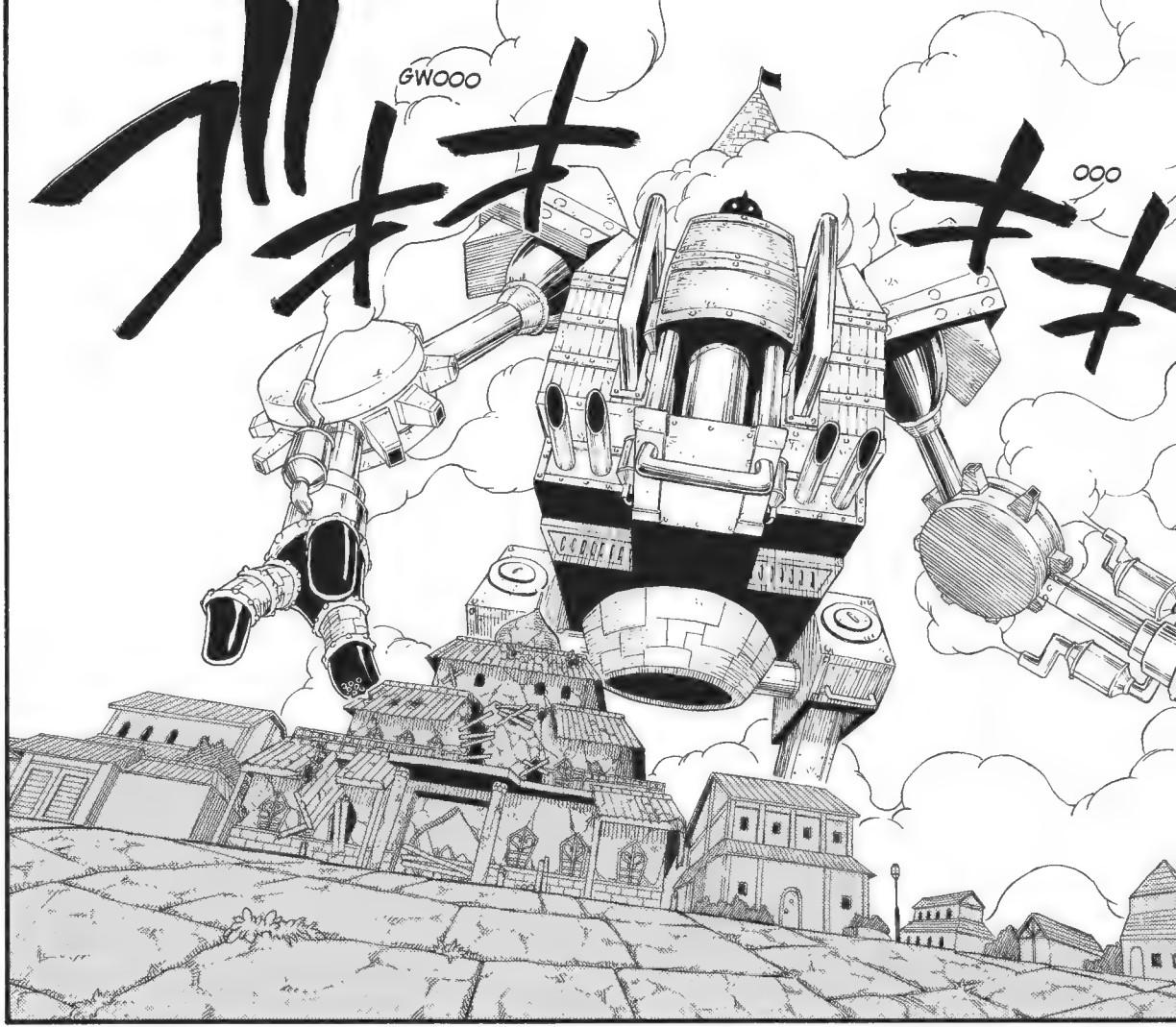
Hey!! I'm going to take a quick look outside!!!

It stopped!!!

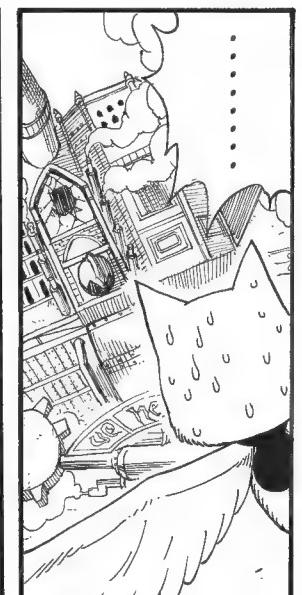
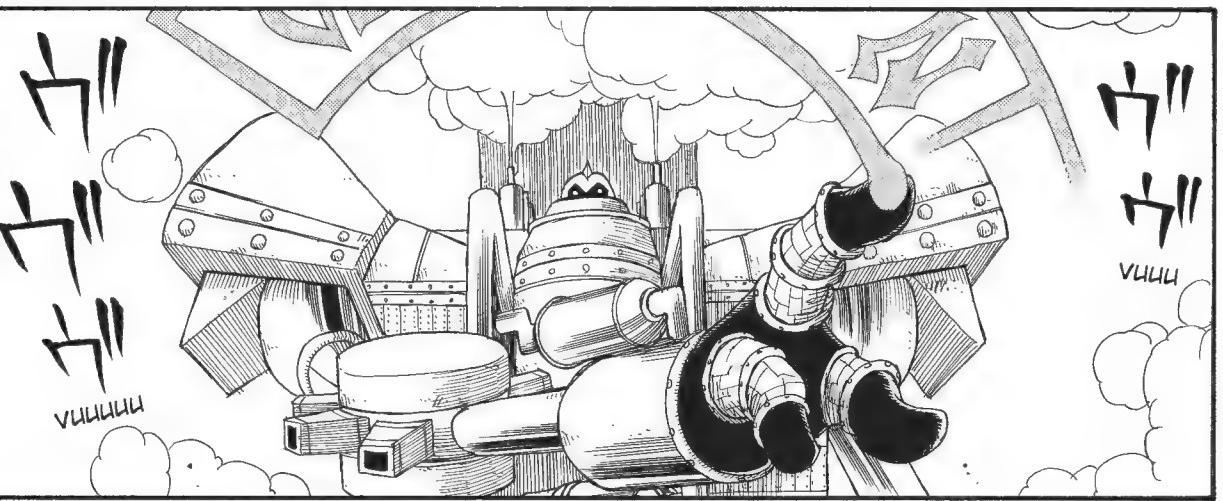
FWIP

Hm?

ZUCHANG



What?!!



Come on!!!
There's no magic
that can do
that!!!

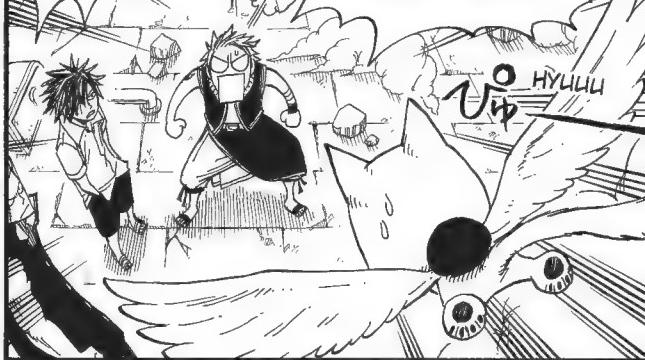
Then
it'd take
out
half the
town!!!

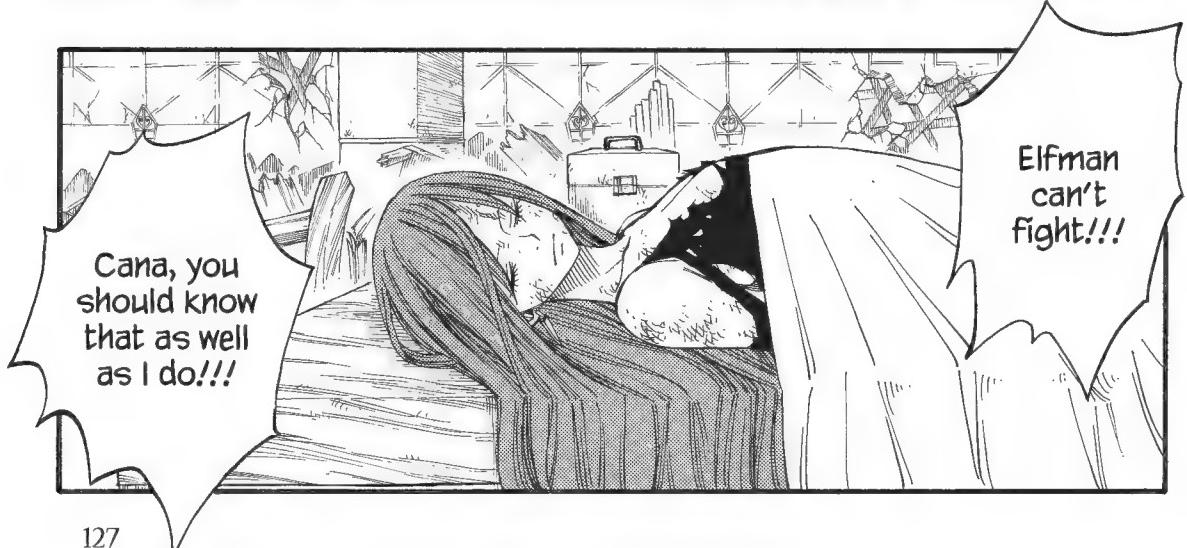
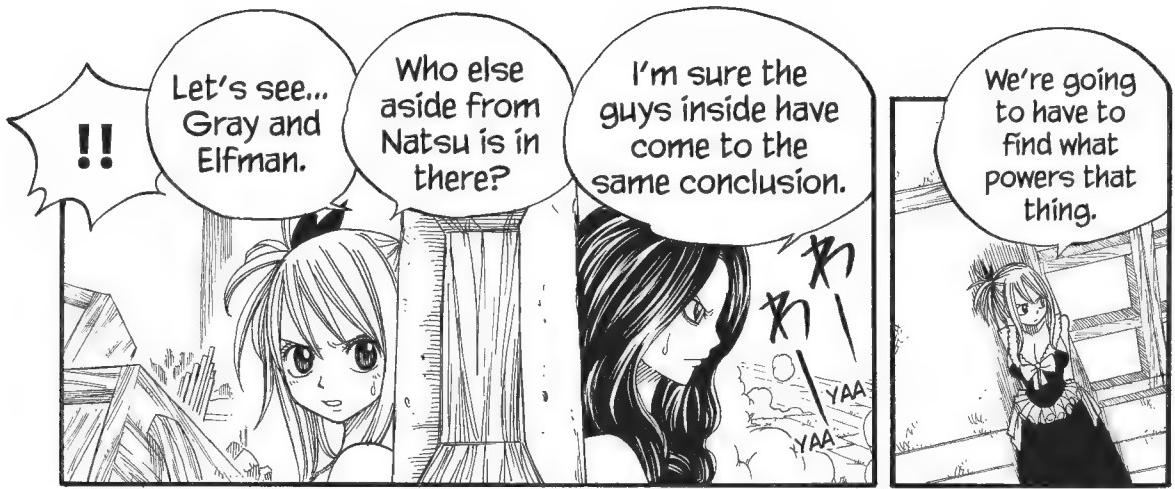
They say
the magic
will wipe out
everything as
far as Kardia
Cathedral!!!

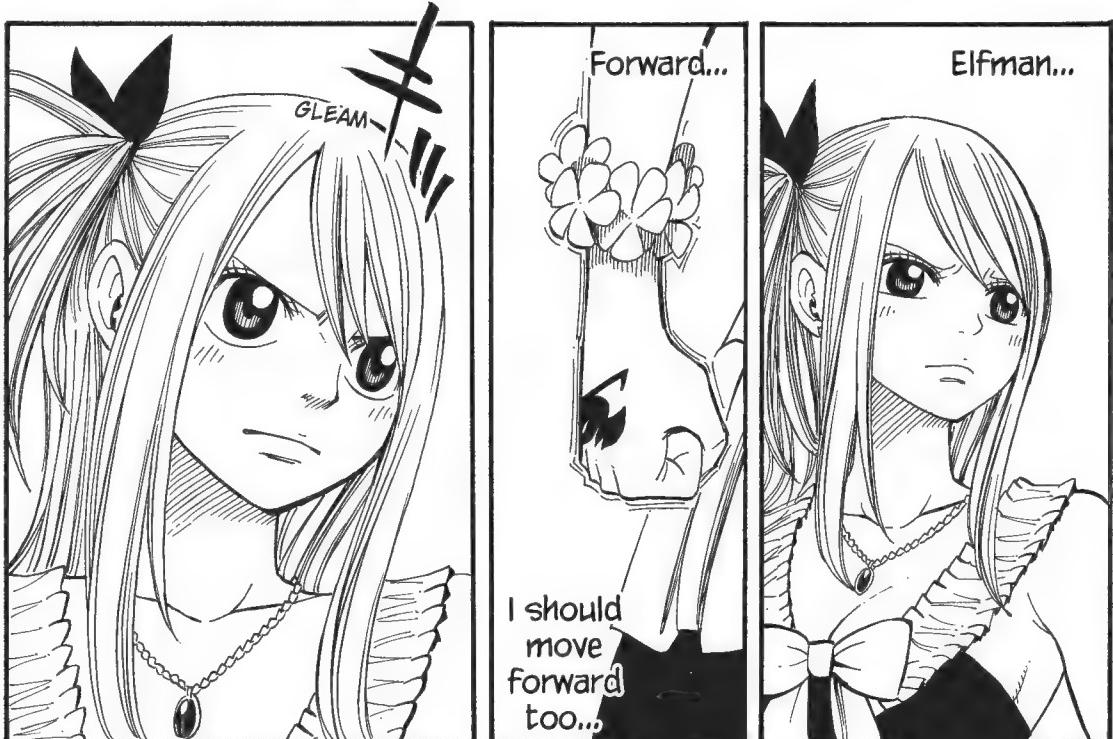
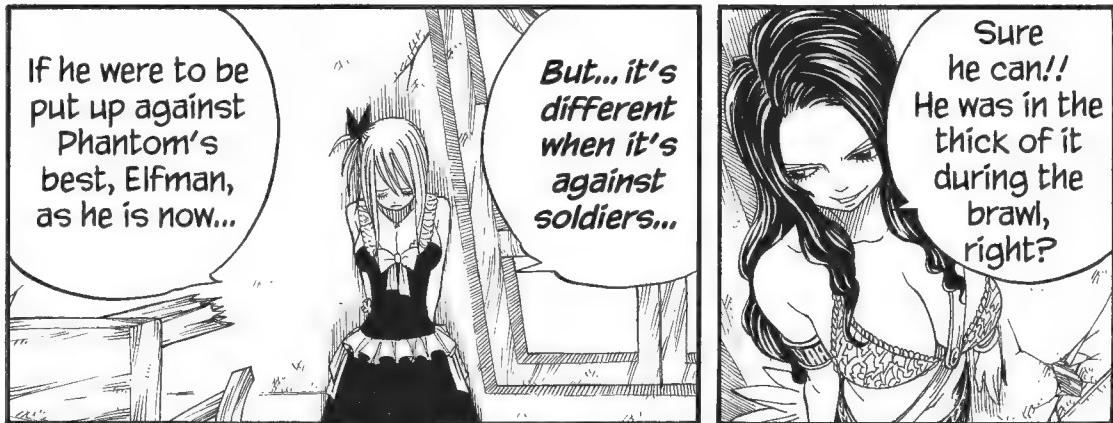
Who'd
lie
about
that?!!

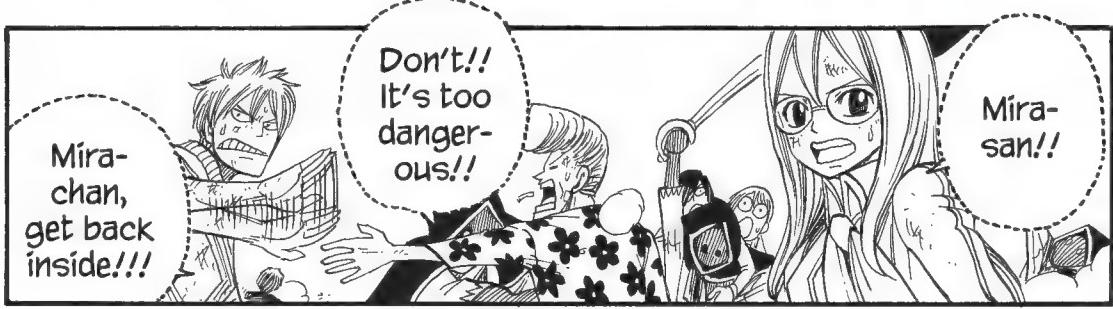
You're
a big,
fat
liar!!!

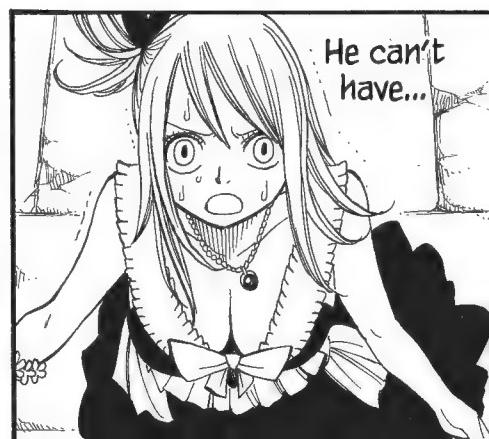
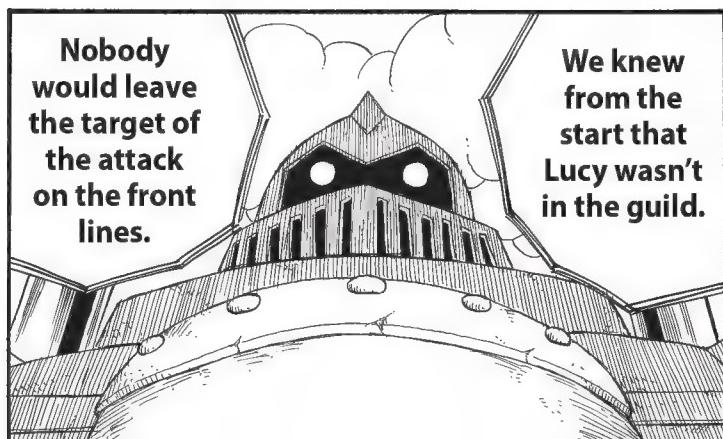
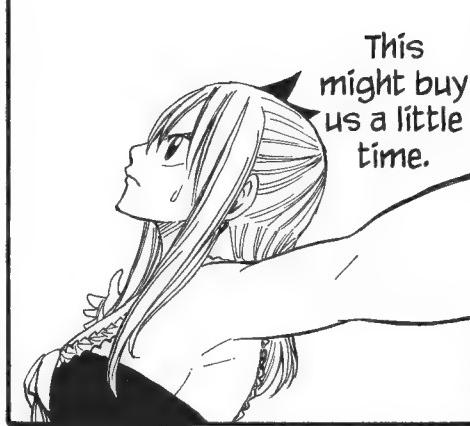
This is bad,
guys!!! The
guild's turned
into a giant
and is casting
some huge
incantation!!!

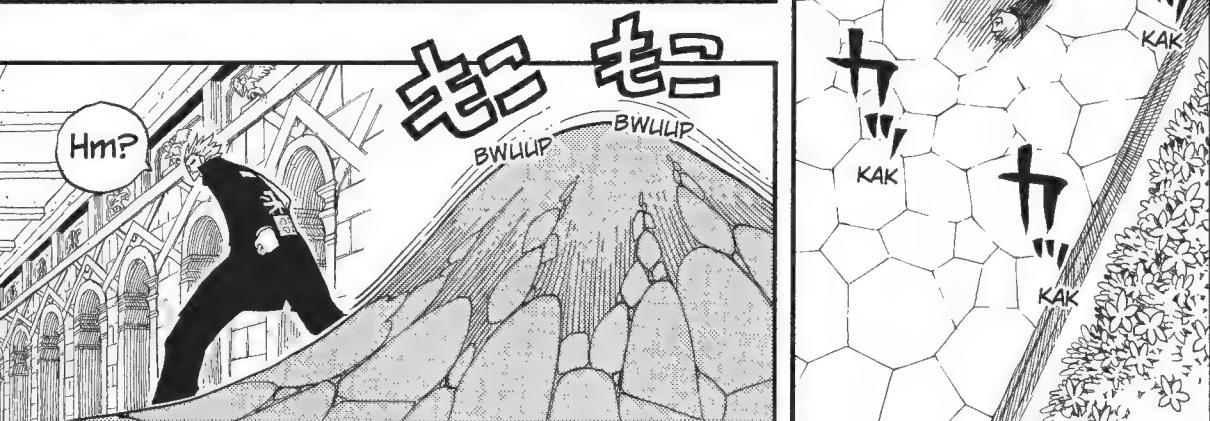
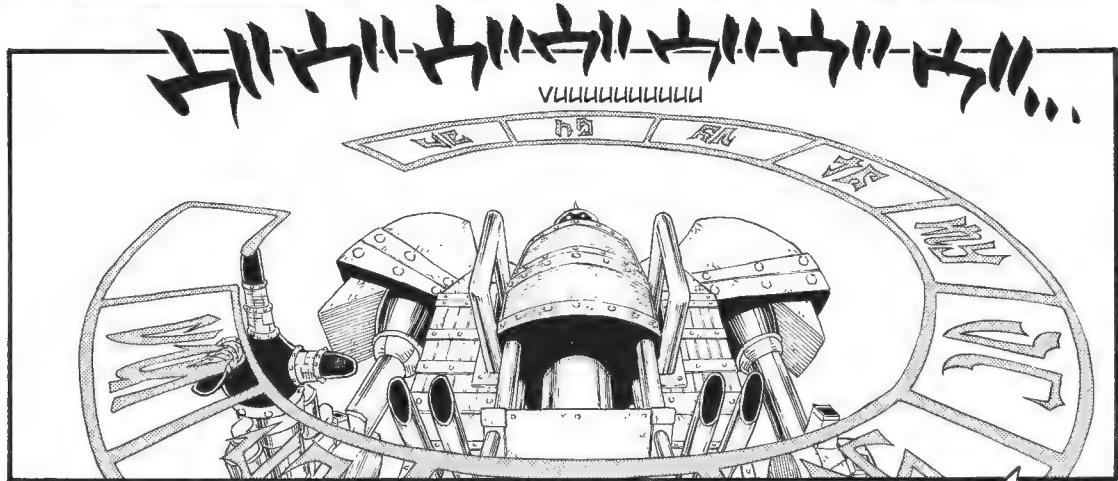
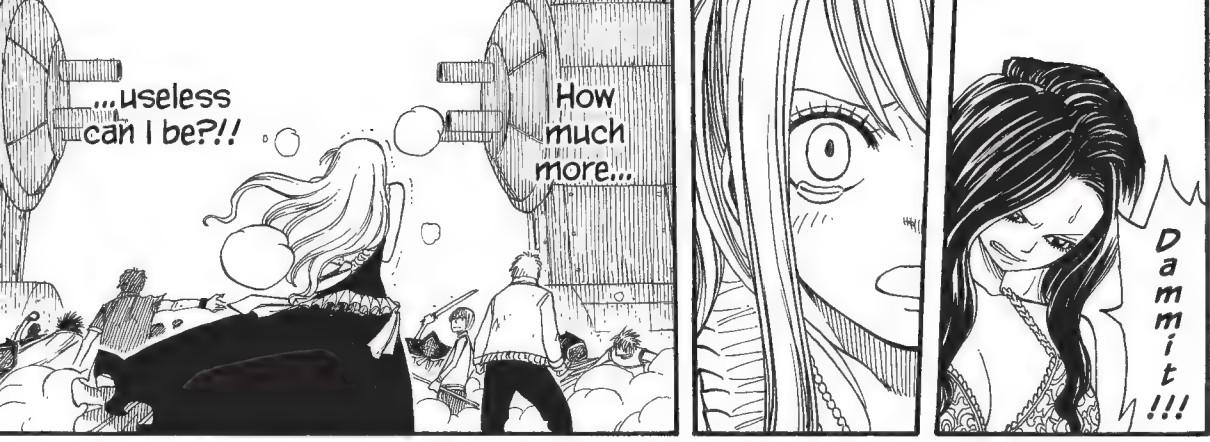










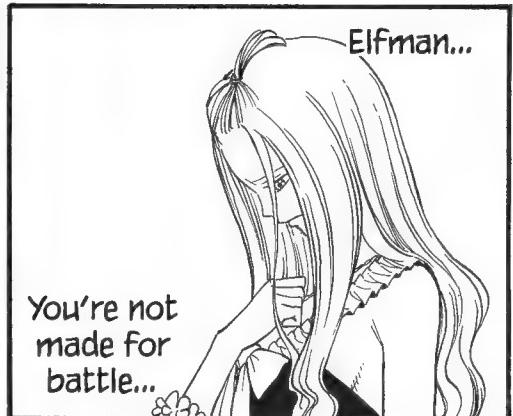
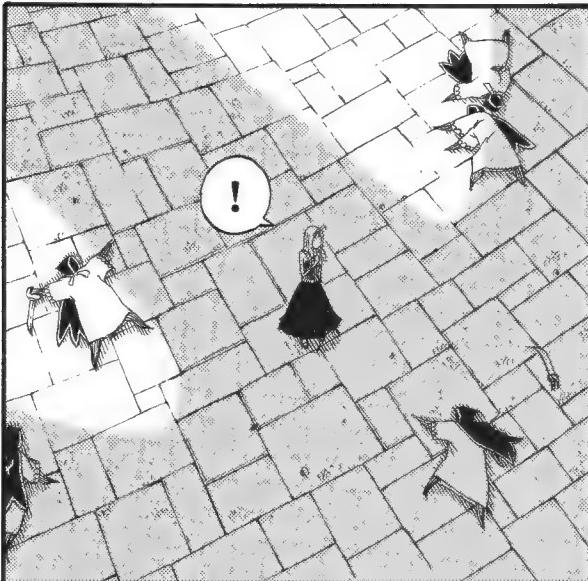
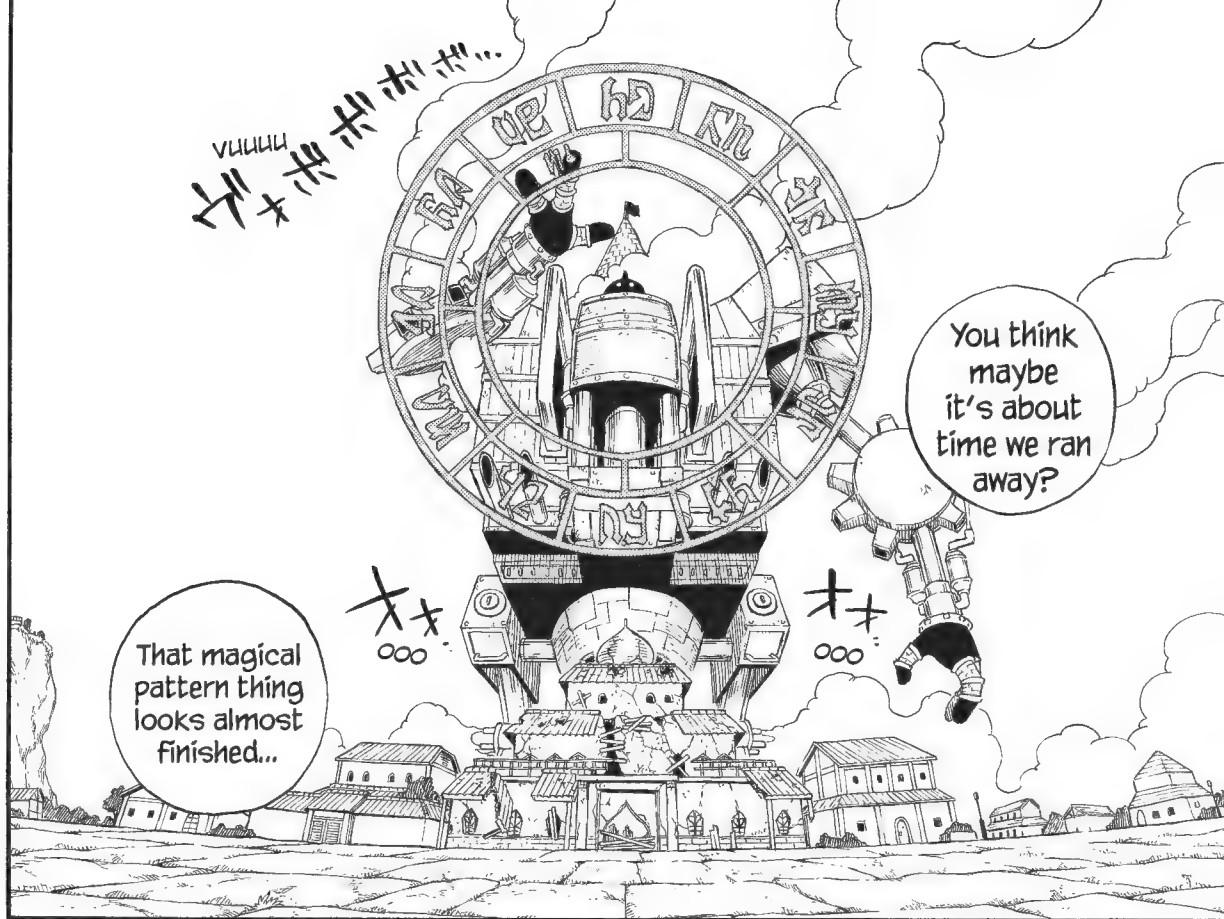


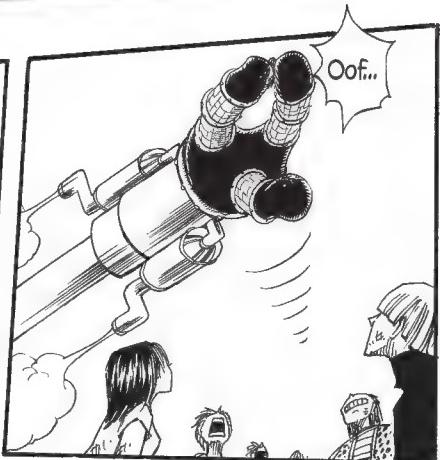
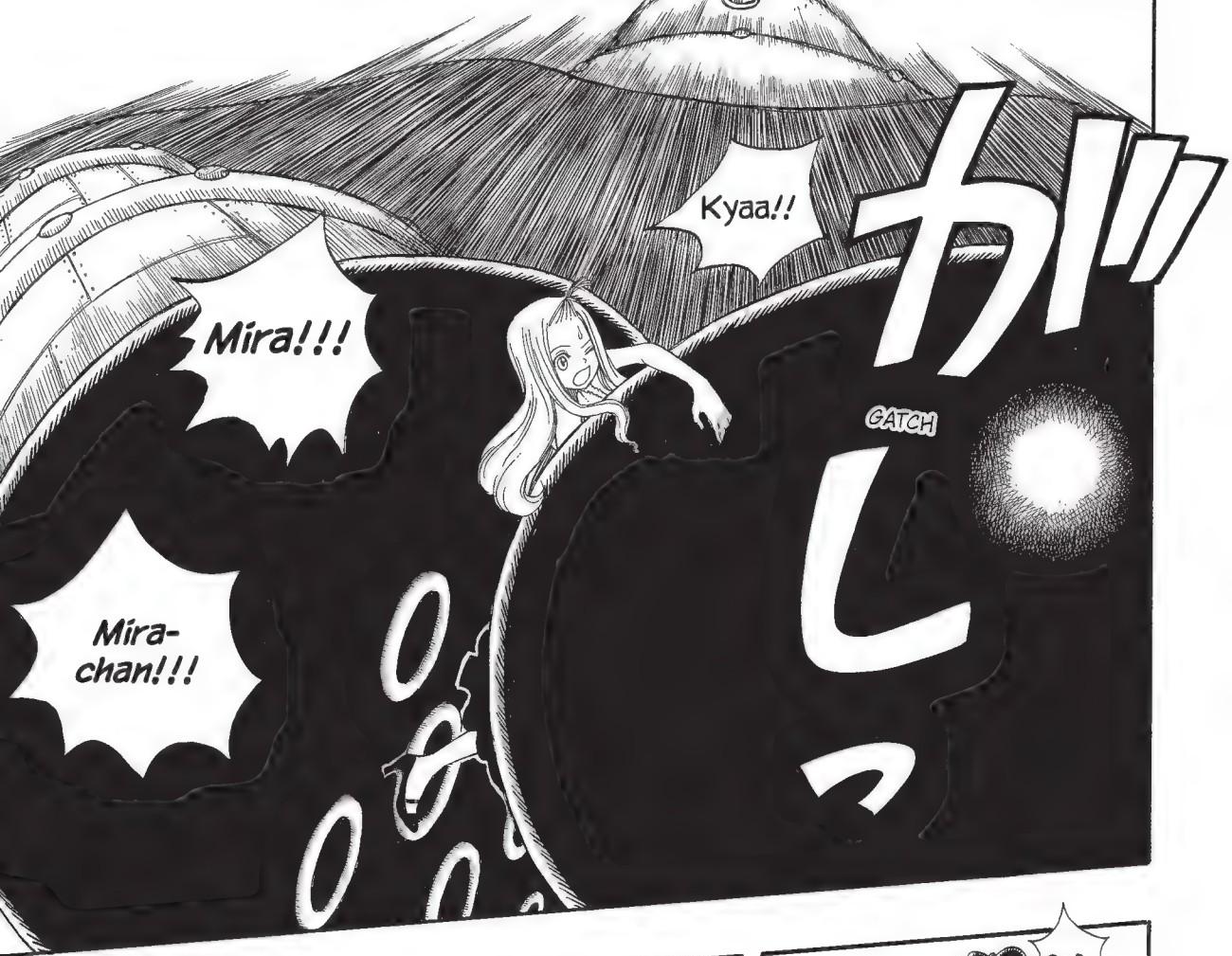


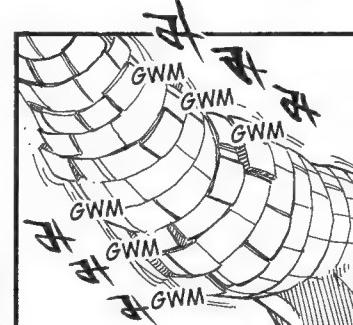
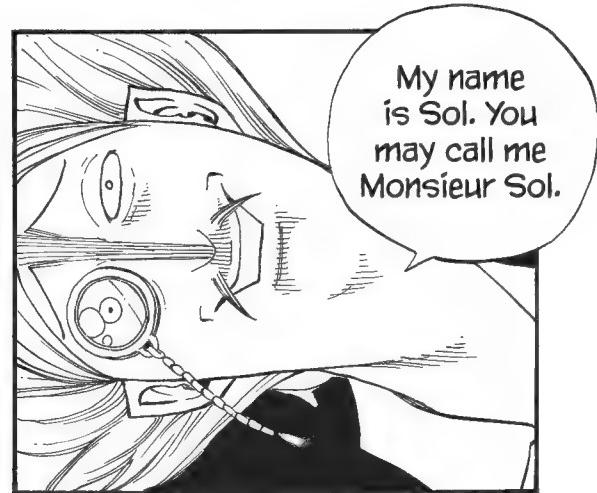
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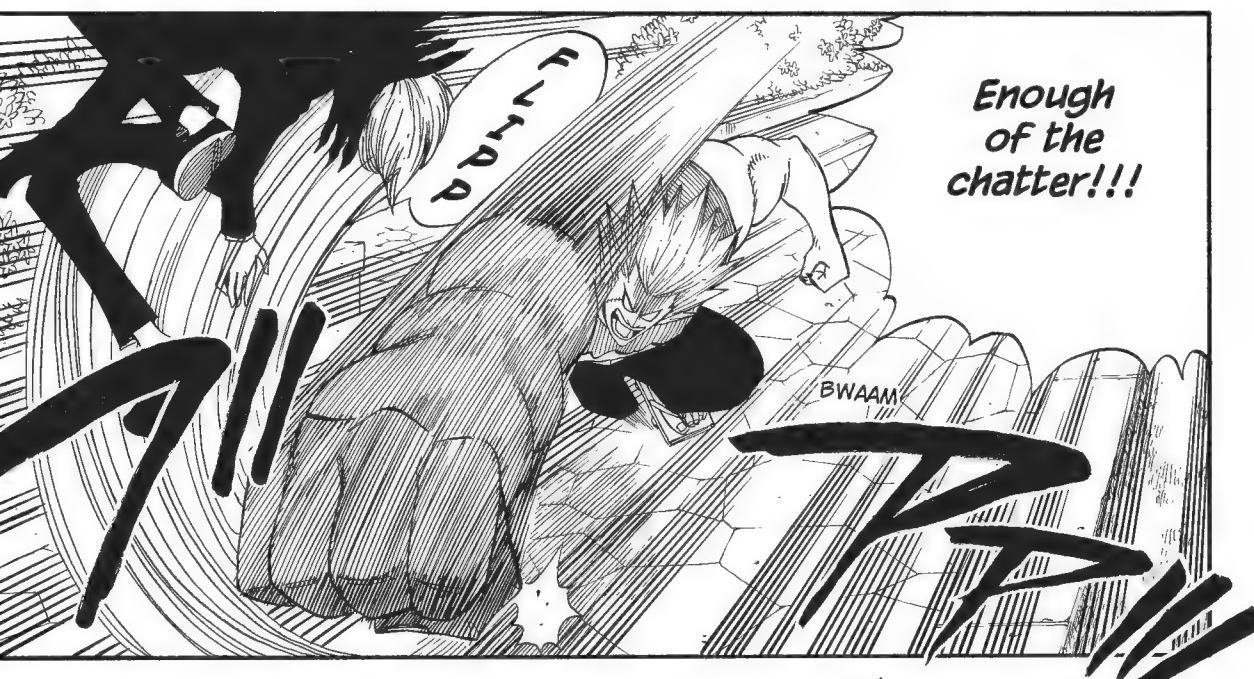
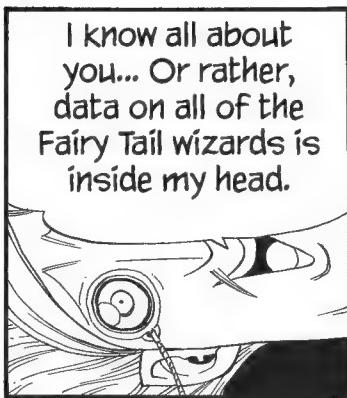


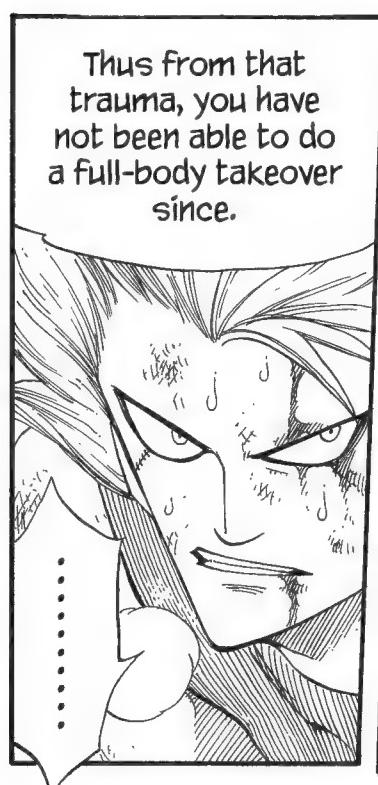
**Chapter 55:
So No One Sees the Tears**













Gwaahh!!

GRAKAKK



Have we
reached
the finale
already?

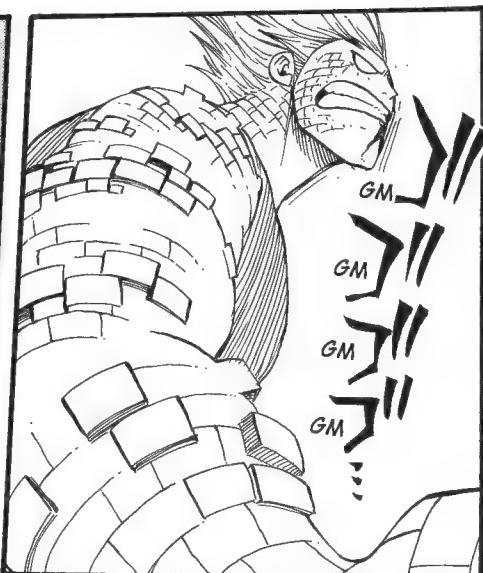
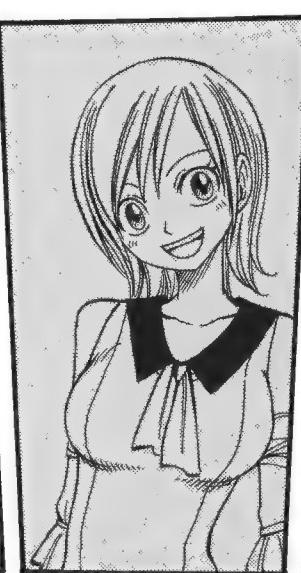
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He's better
than he
looks....!!!

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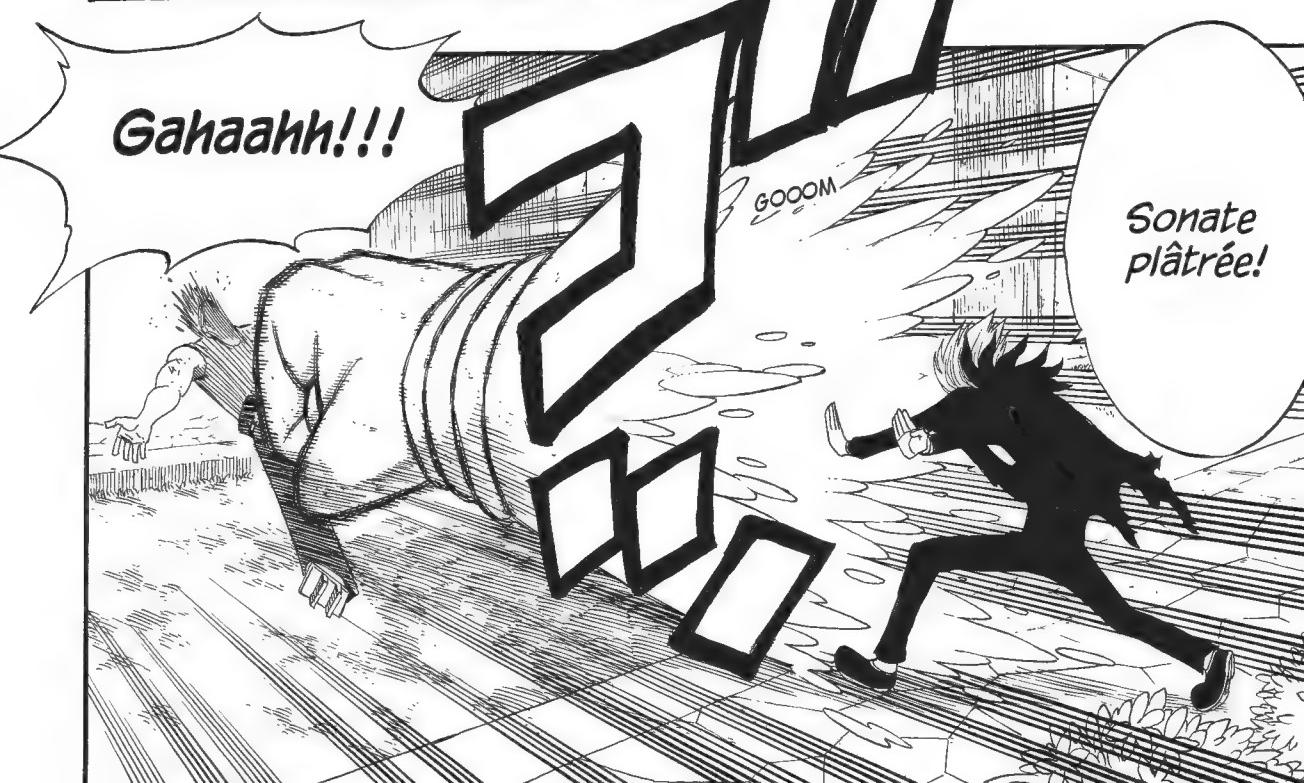
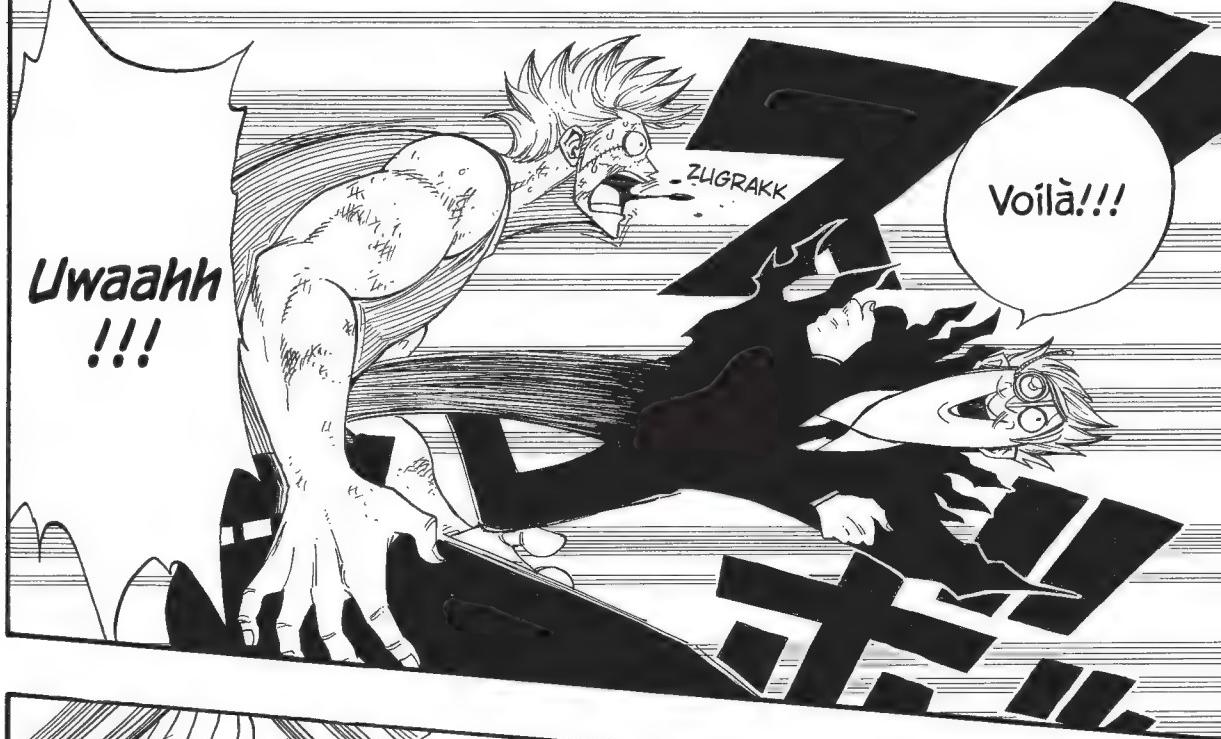
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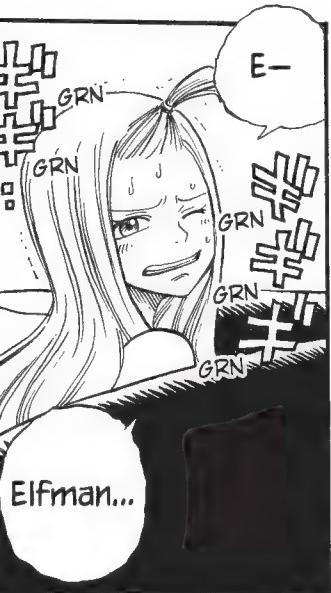
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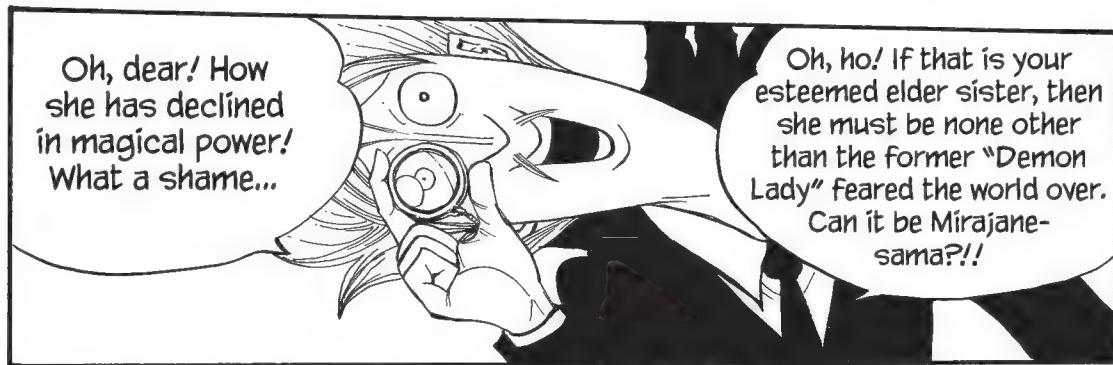
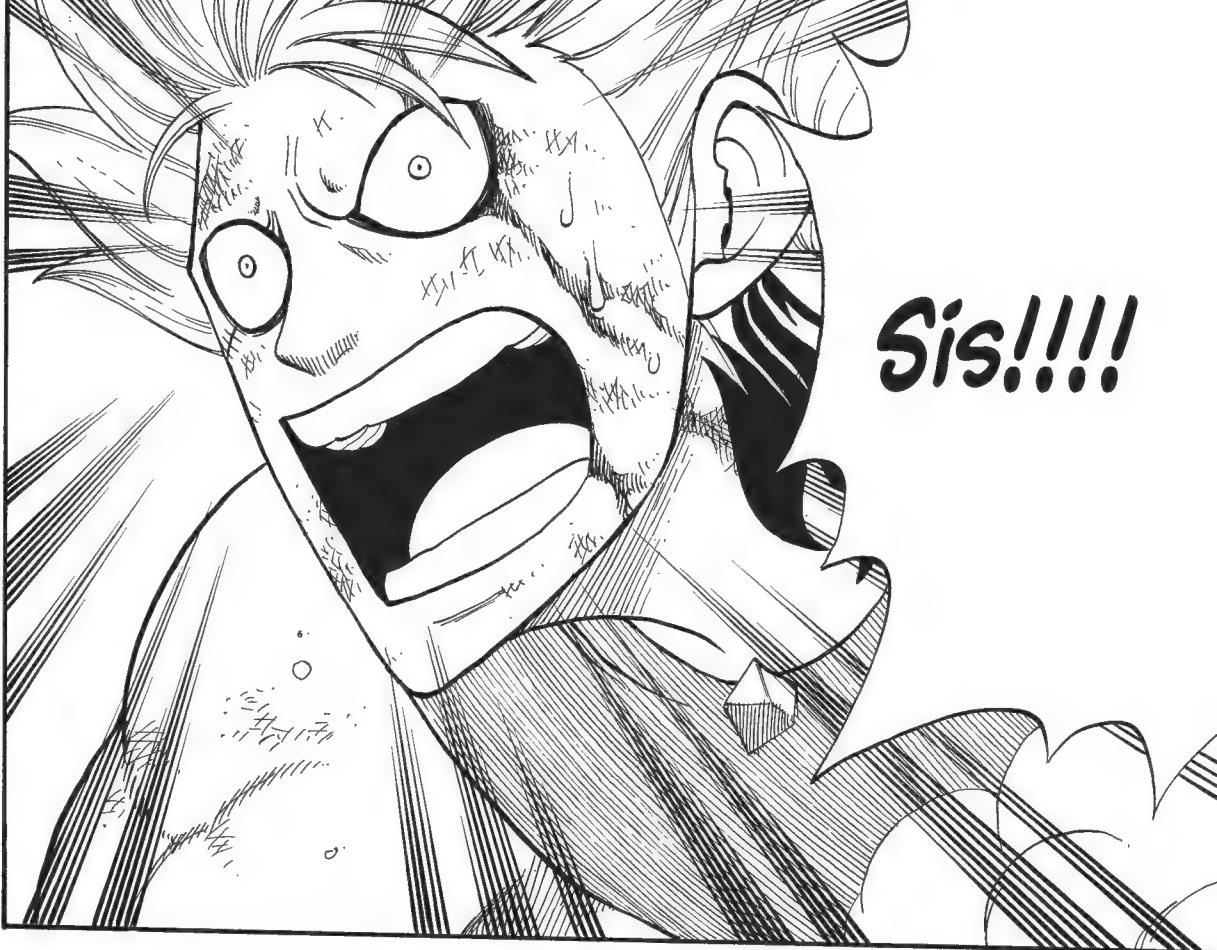


Mmm... You shouldn't try what you know you cannot do!









Stop it!!!
I don't care
what you do to
me, but leave
Elfman...



What
are you
doing?!!
Let go
of my
sister!!!

Sis!!

Elfman!!!
Run away!!!
Please!!!

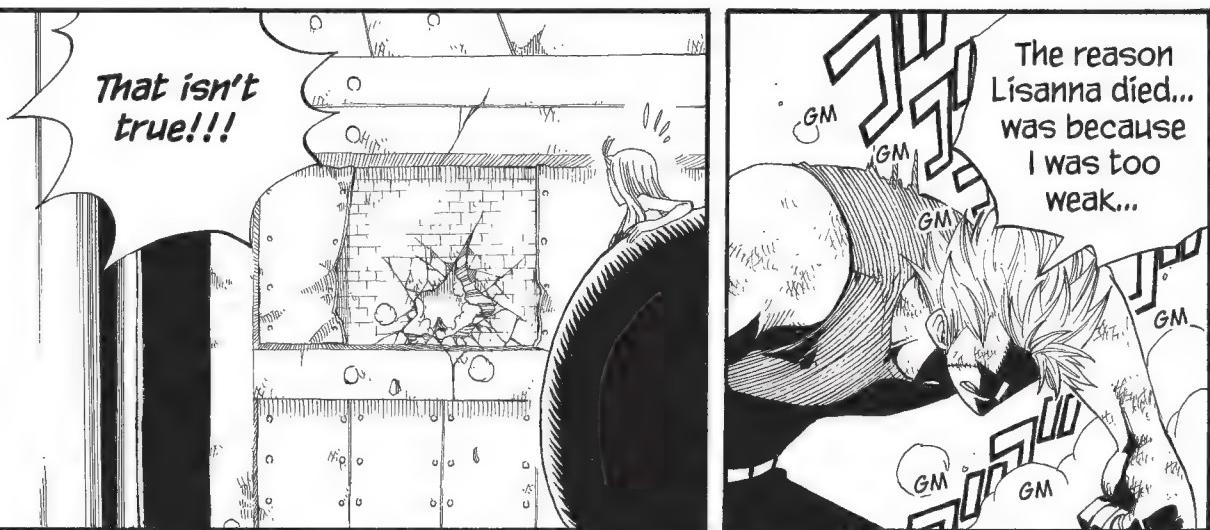
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younger sister,
and now your
elder sister will die
before your very
eyes! What
a pity...

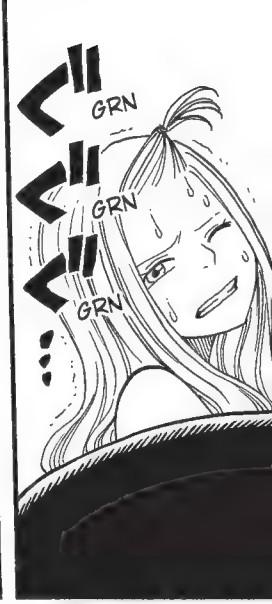
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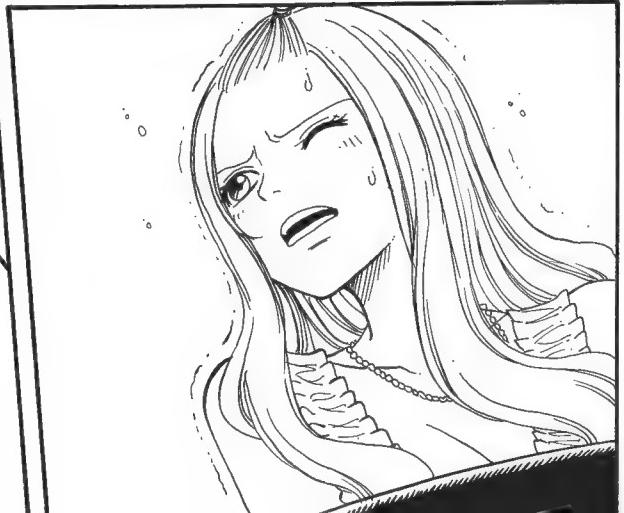
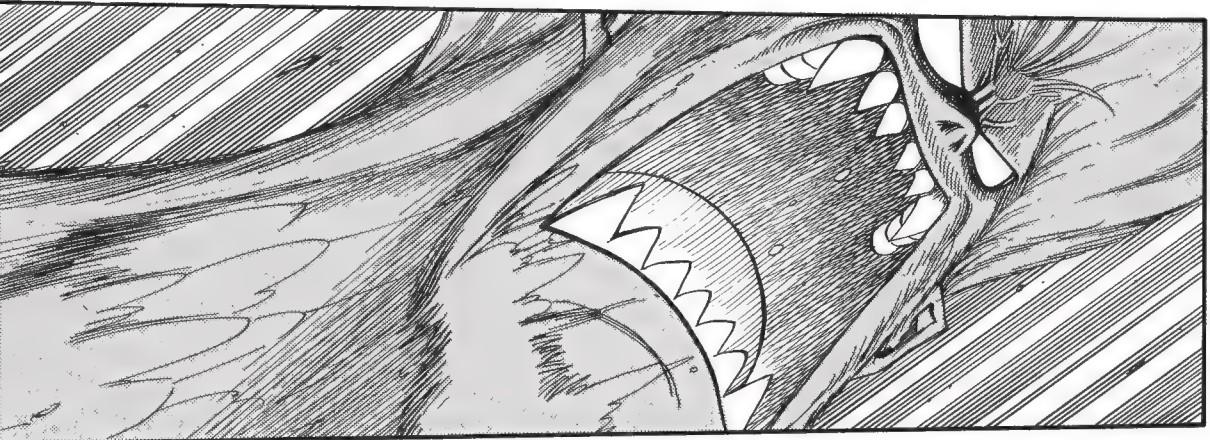
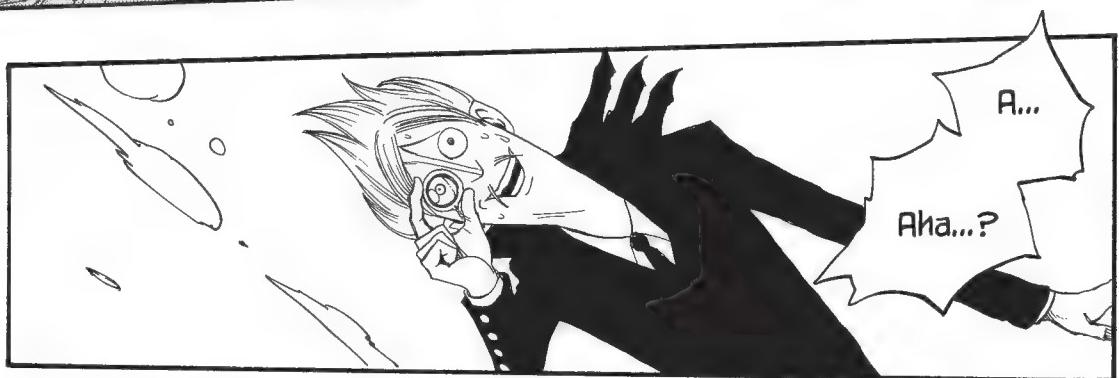
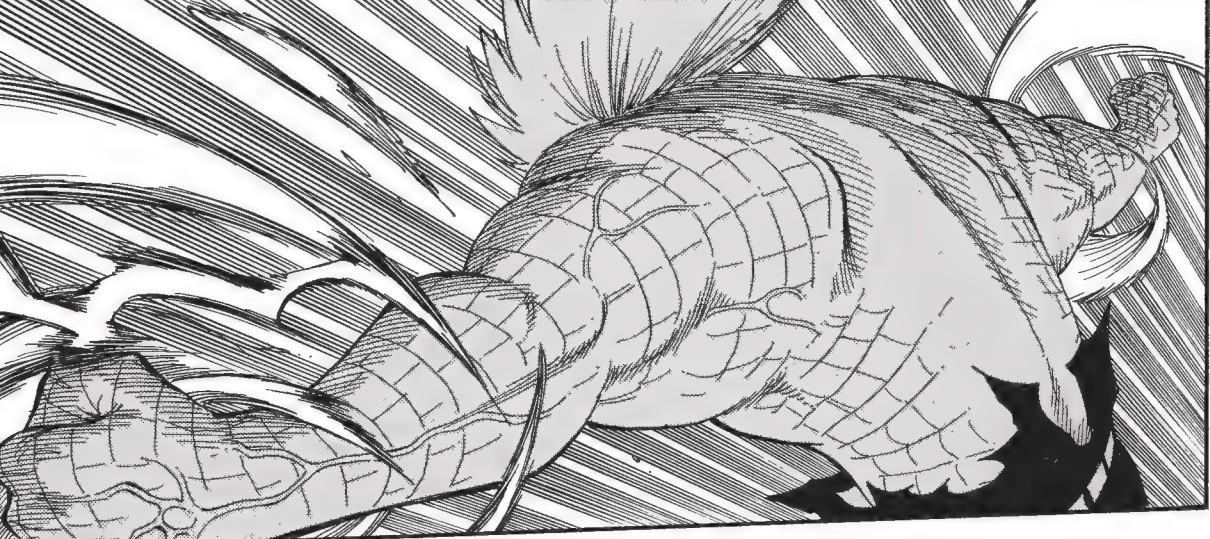


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did you
say...?!!

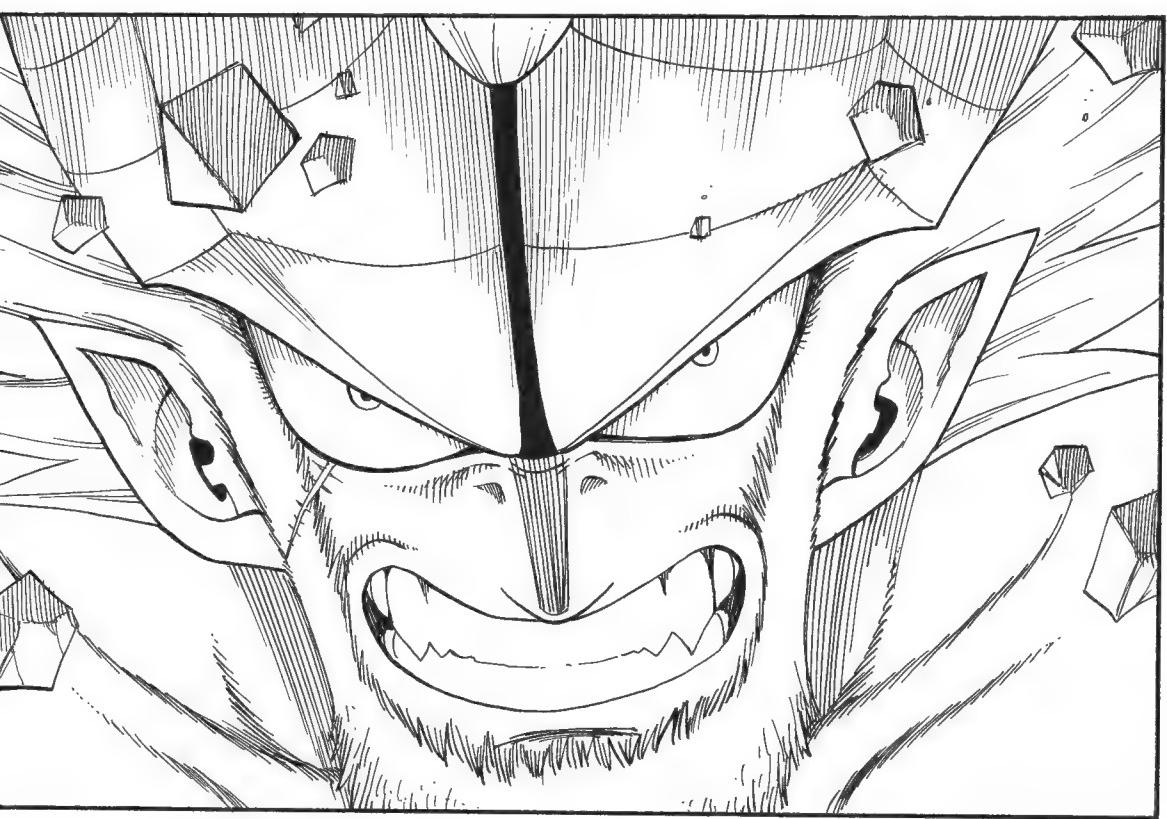
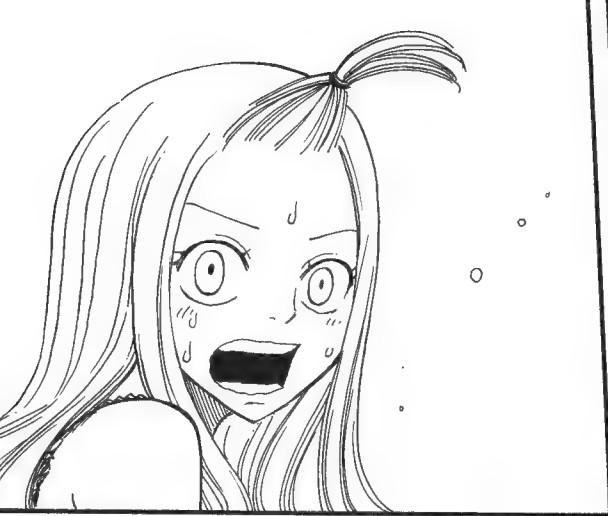








Can that
be the
**Full-Body
Takeover:
Beast
Soul?!!!**





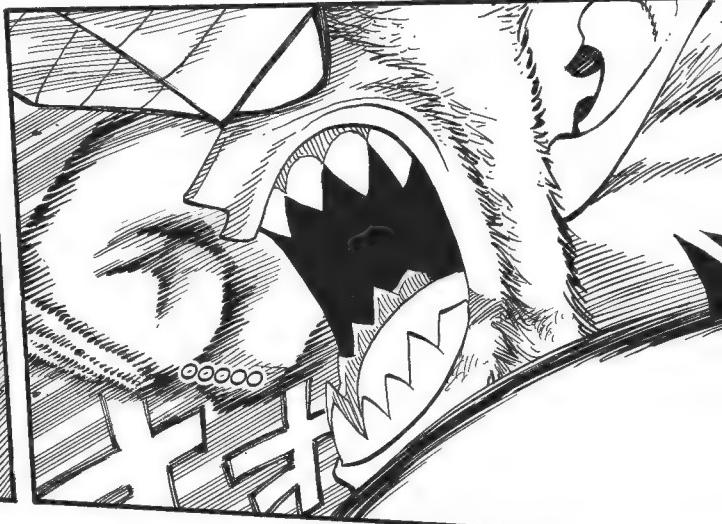
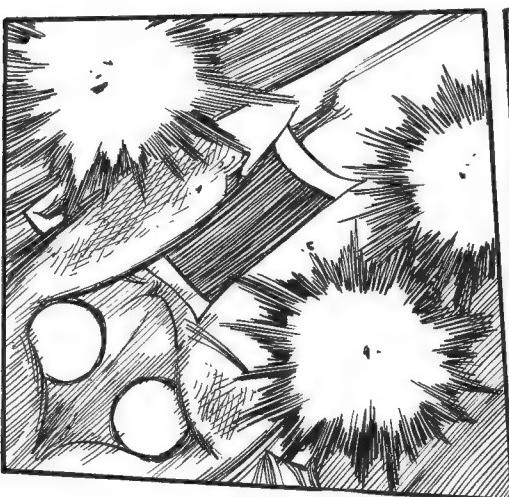
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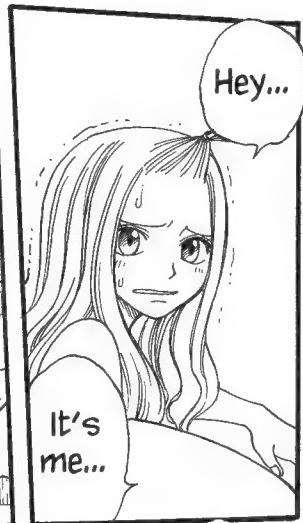
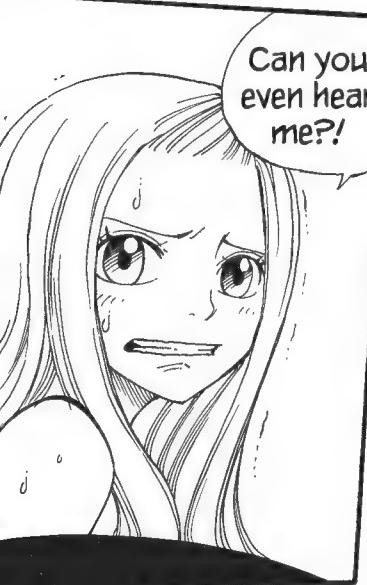
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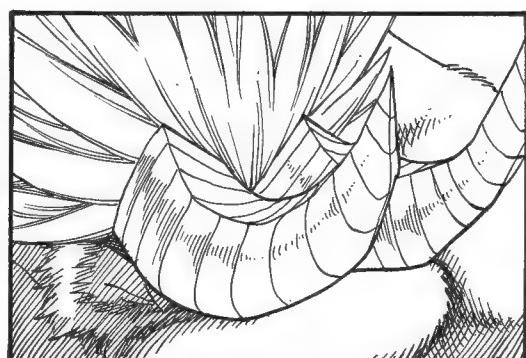
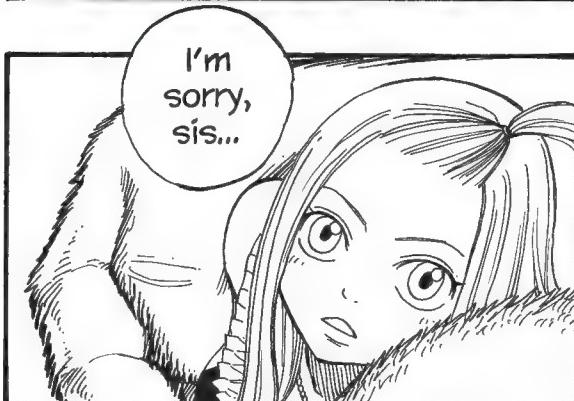
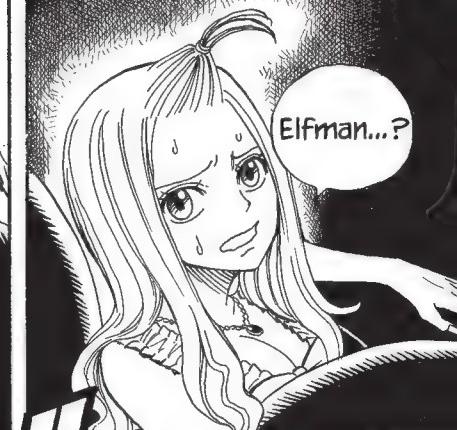
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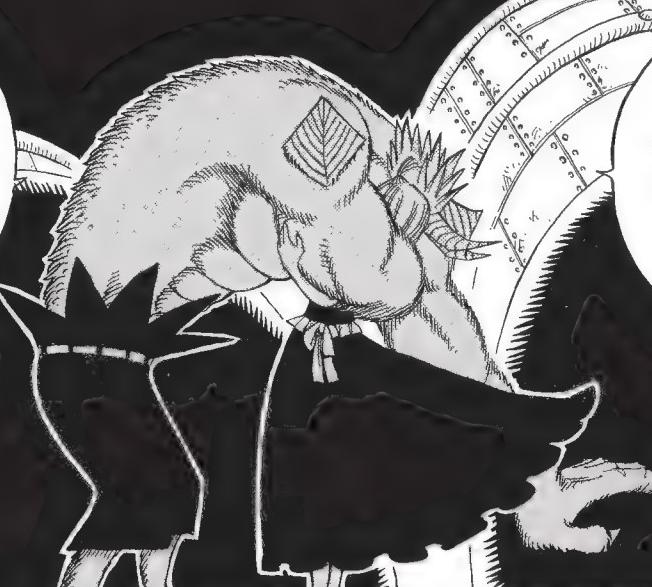
Chapter 56: A Flower Blooms in the Rain











And it was because I couldn't control it that Lisanna...

You never wanted to see this creature again, did you?

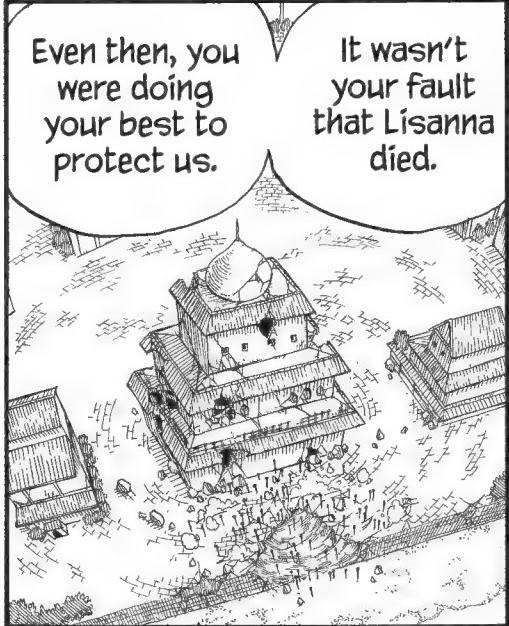


To protect you and Fairy Tail, I had to get stronger...

But...this was the only way I could think of.

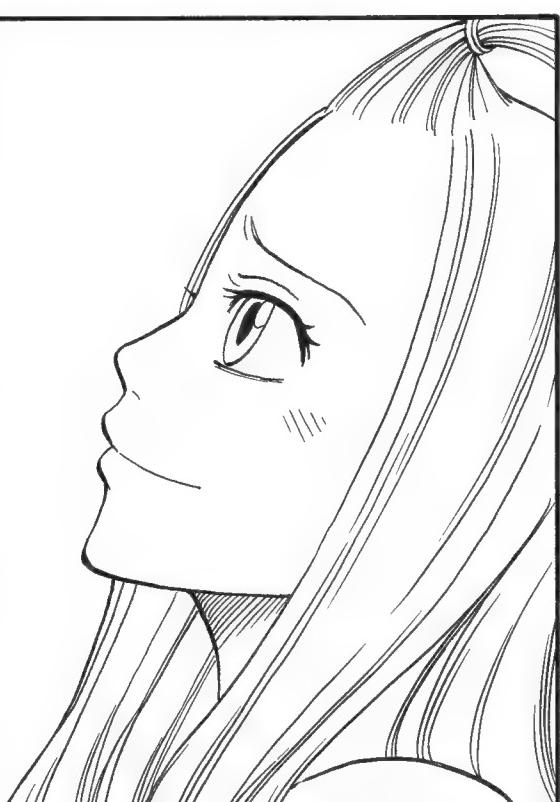


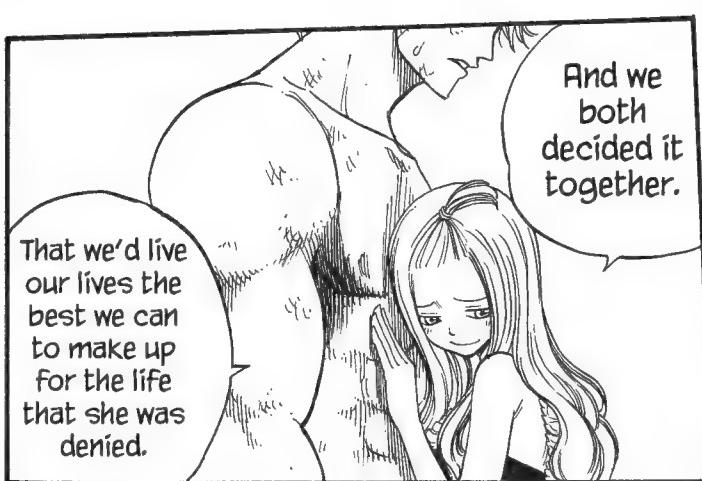
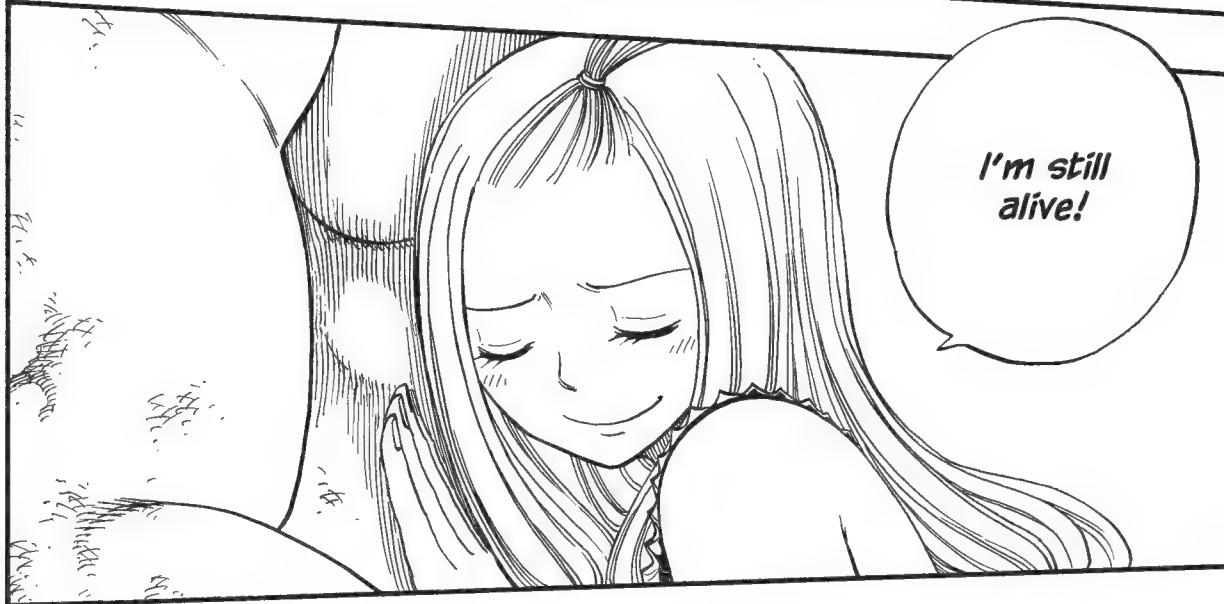
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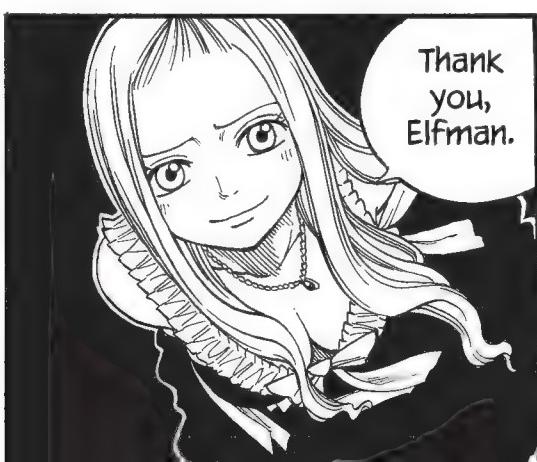


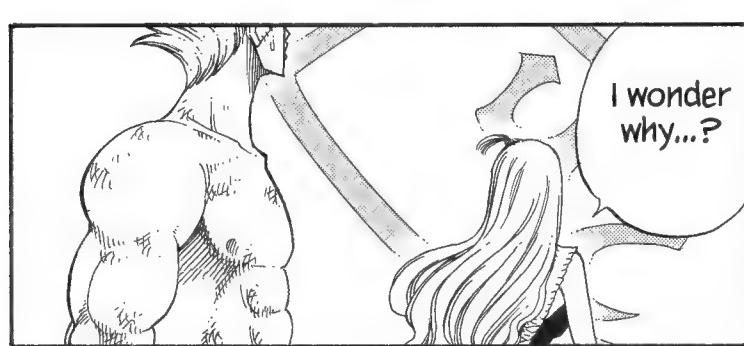
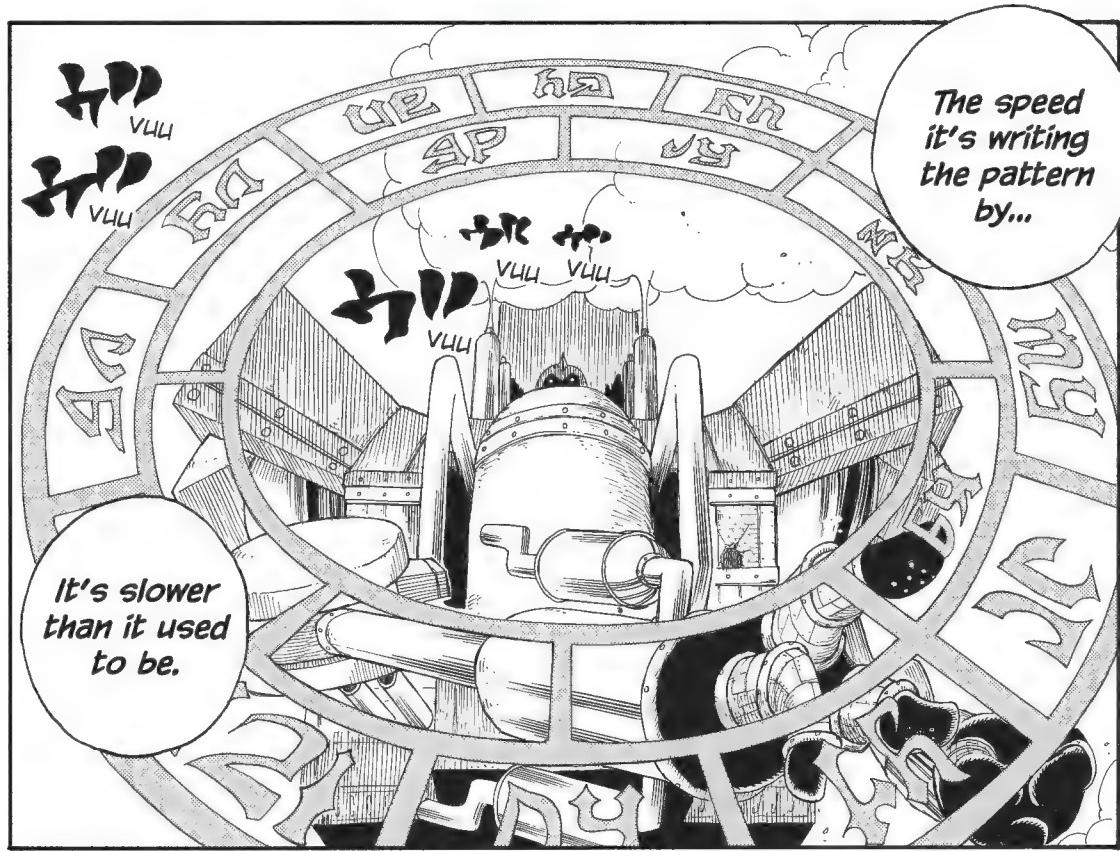
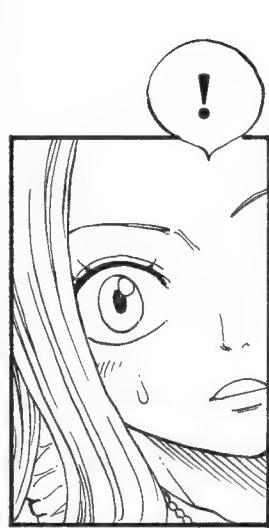
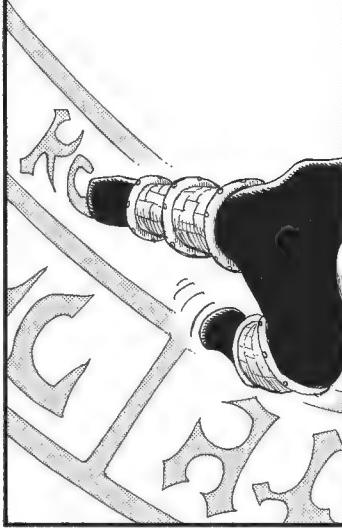
Even then, you were doing your best to protect us.

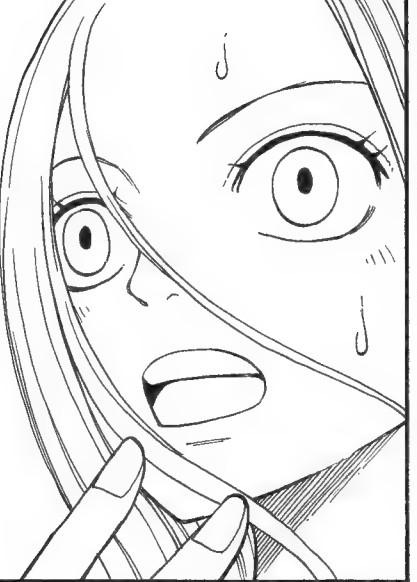
It wasn't your fault that Lisanna died.



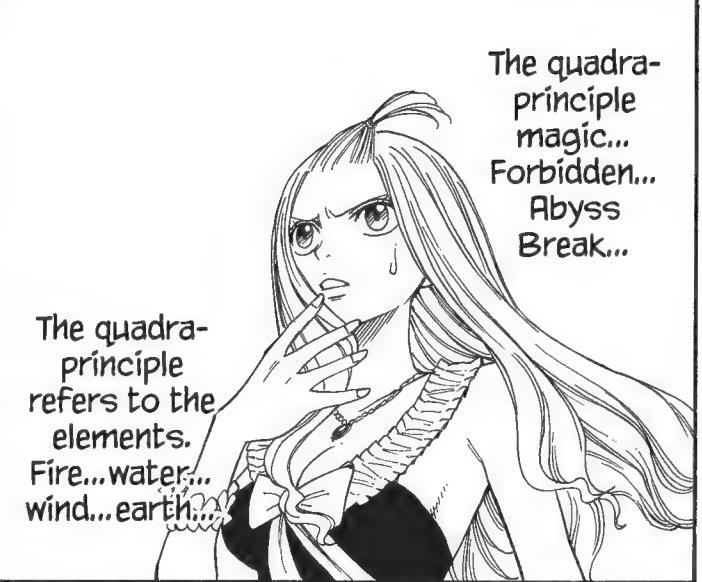




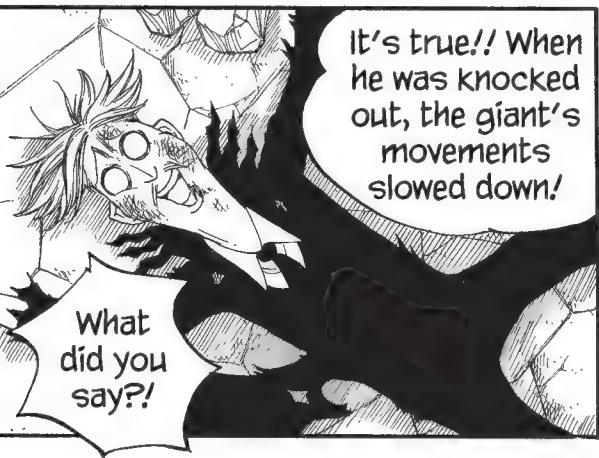




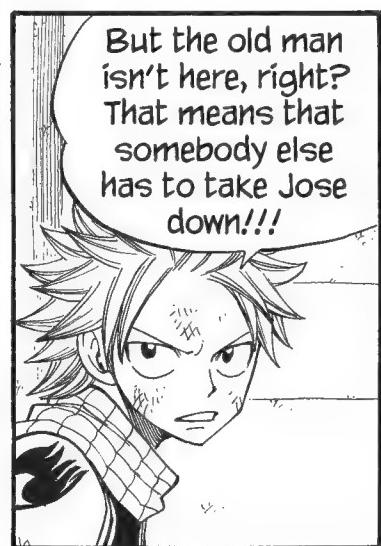
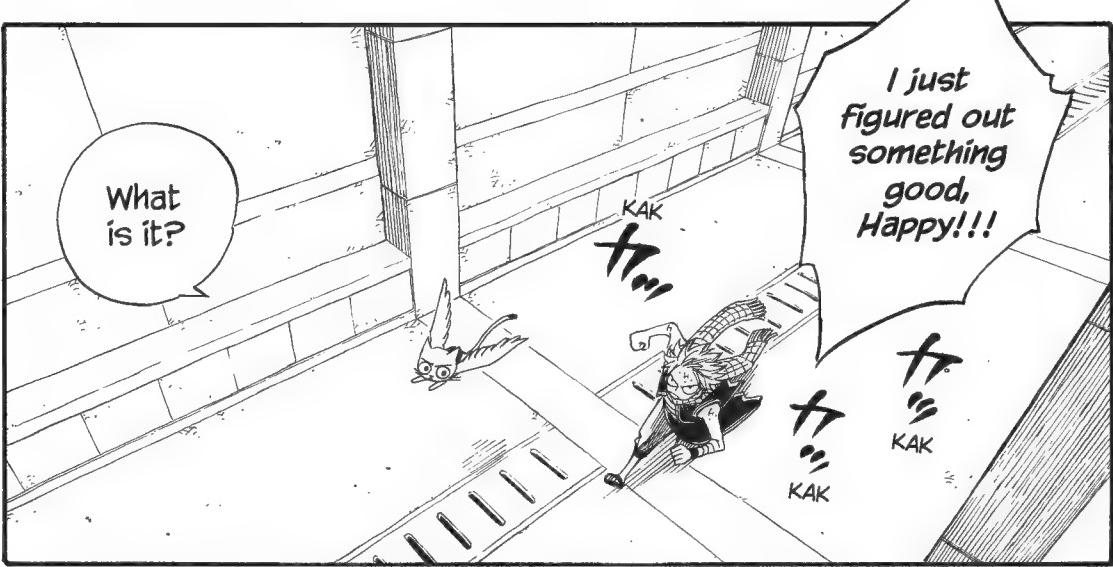
The quadra-principle magic...
Forbidden...
Abyss Break...



The quadra-principle refers to the elements.
Fire...water...wind...earth...







Agyuu...

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No matter
how our
individual
battles turn
out, in the
end, Jose
will...

DROOP
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It's true...
The Master...
and even
Erza...are out
of action...

Hey!!
I'm here,
right?!!!

ROOM

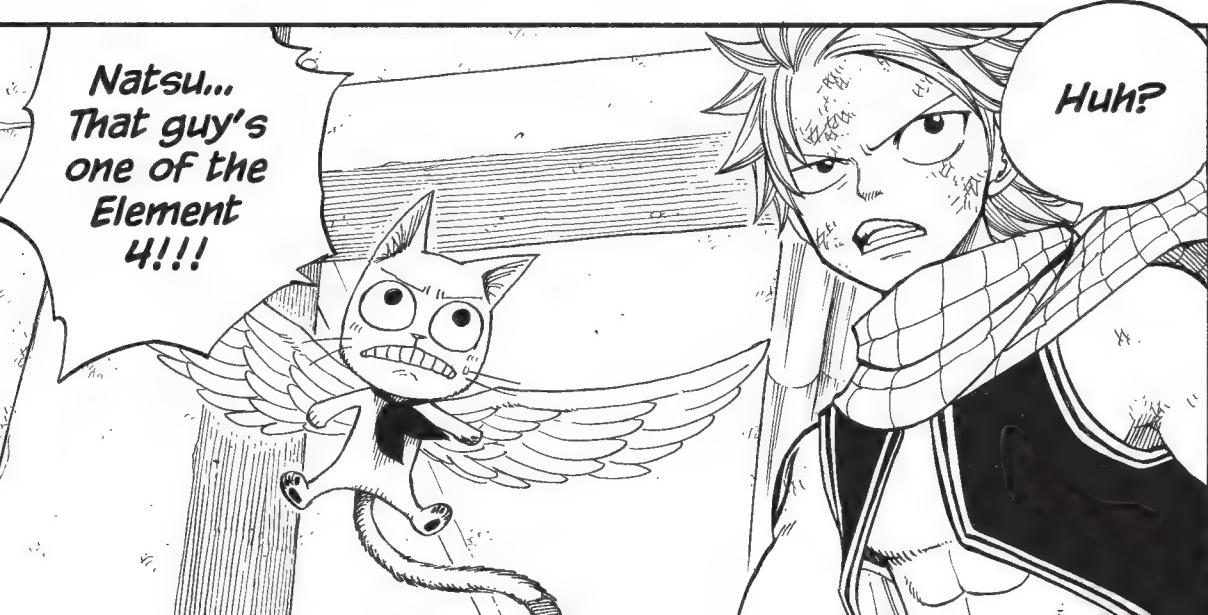
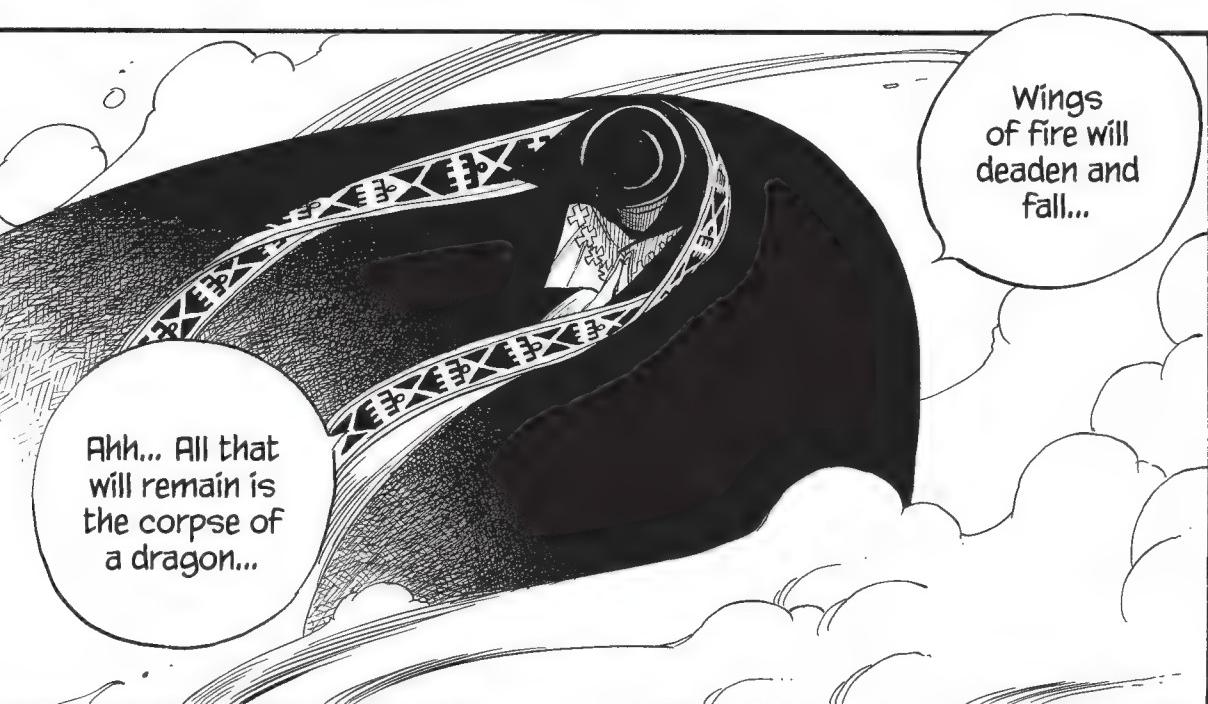
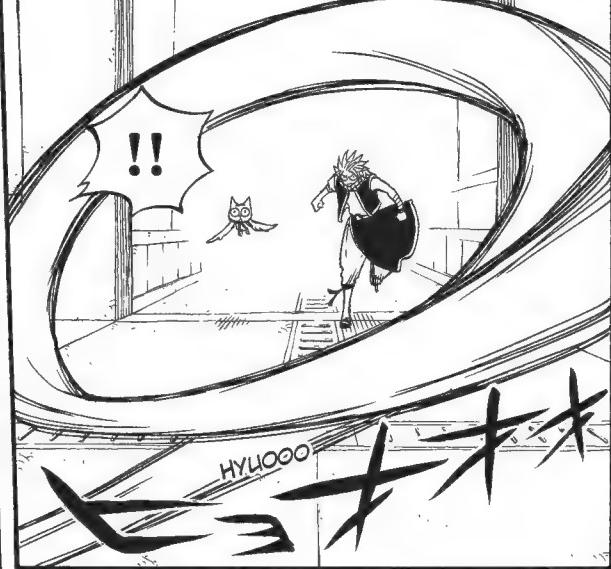
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one everybody
depends on.
He must have
something special
about him...

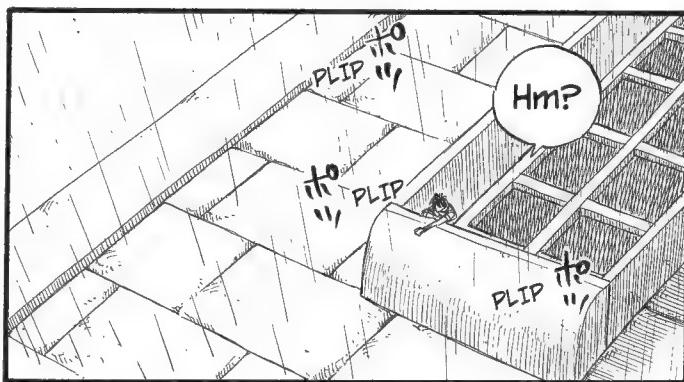
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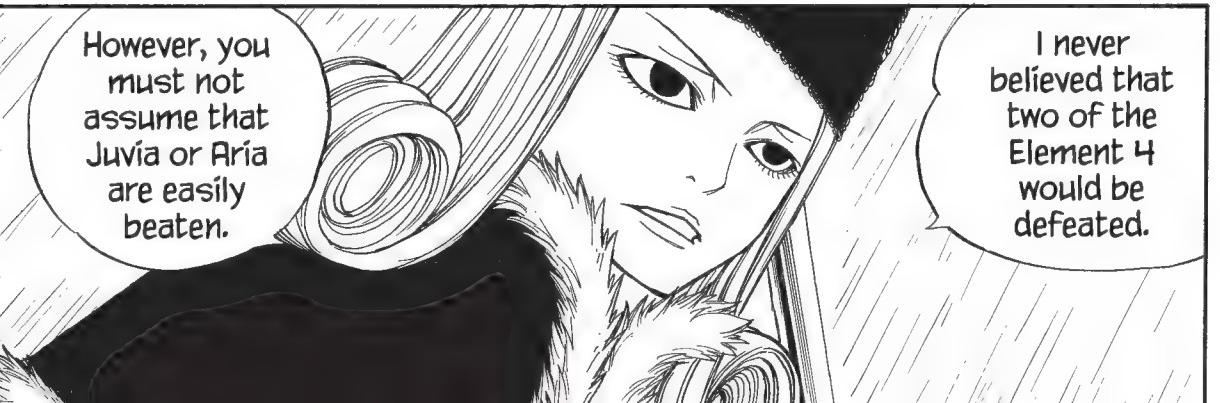
I wonder
why it is...?
Both the
Master and
Erza have
greater
magical
power...

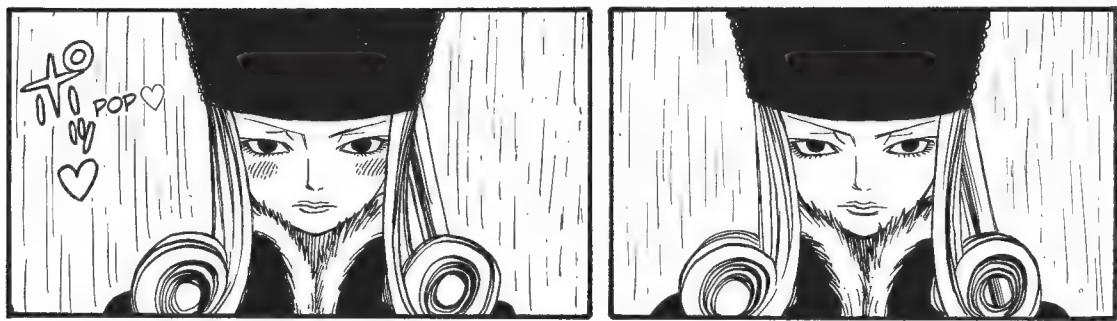
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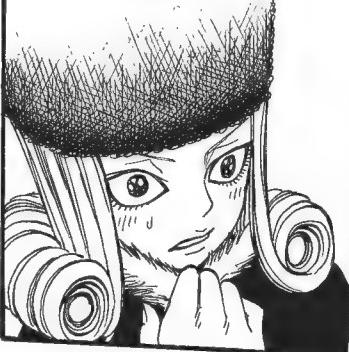
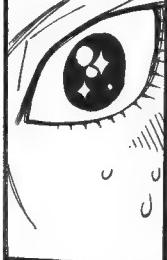






He and I... Ice and water... Could it possibly be... fate?!!

He froze it and broke it apart... Juvia thought that her water lock could never be broken....!!!



Ahhh!!!

THUMP



Now you did it, you jerk!!!



Wh-Why...does he tear off his clothes so...?
I-I-I don't believe I'm ready for this yet...



Oww...

WHOOSH

Ice



Ice
Make

Lance!!!!

GWAAHH

ZLISH

ZLISH

ZLISH

ZLISH

Eh?

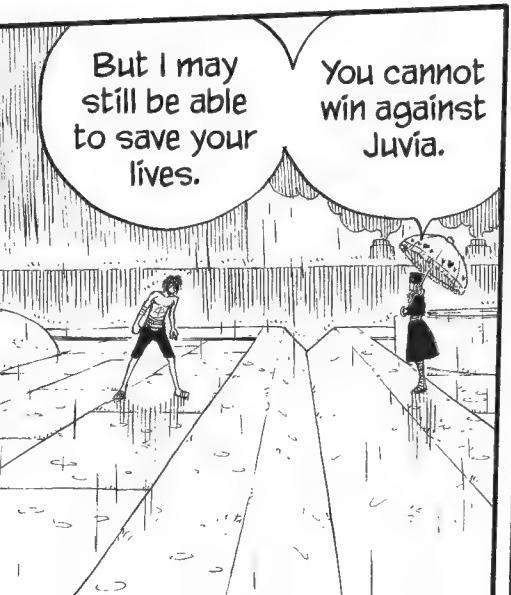
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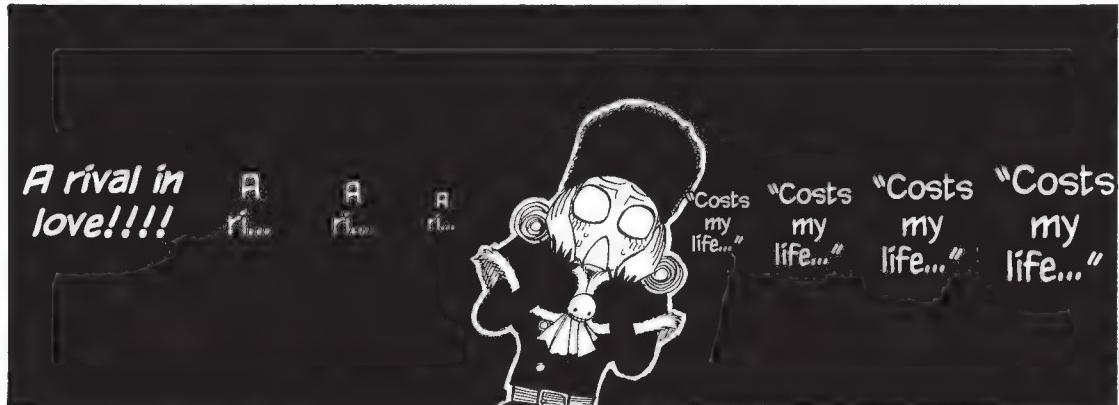
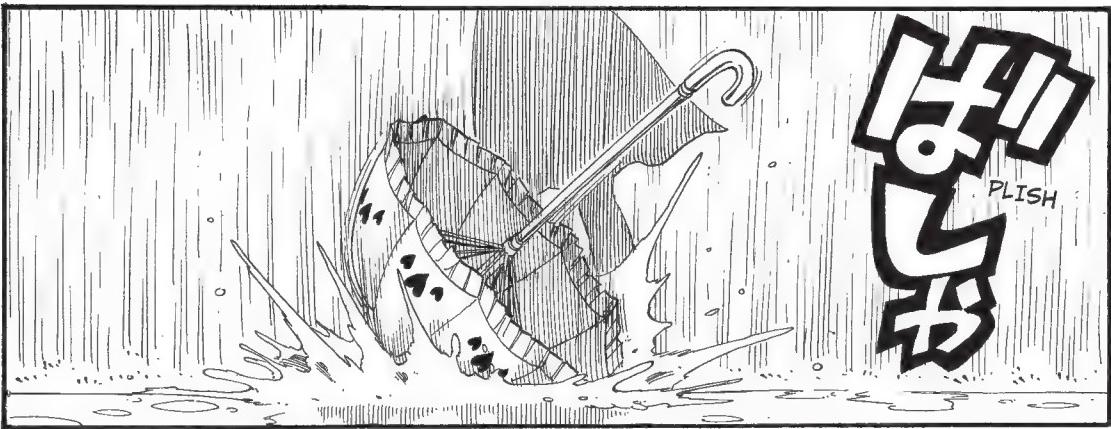


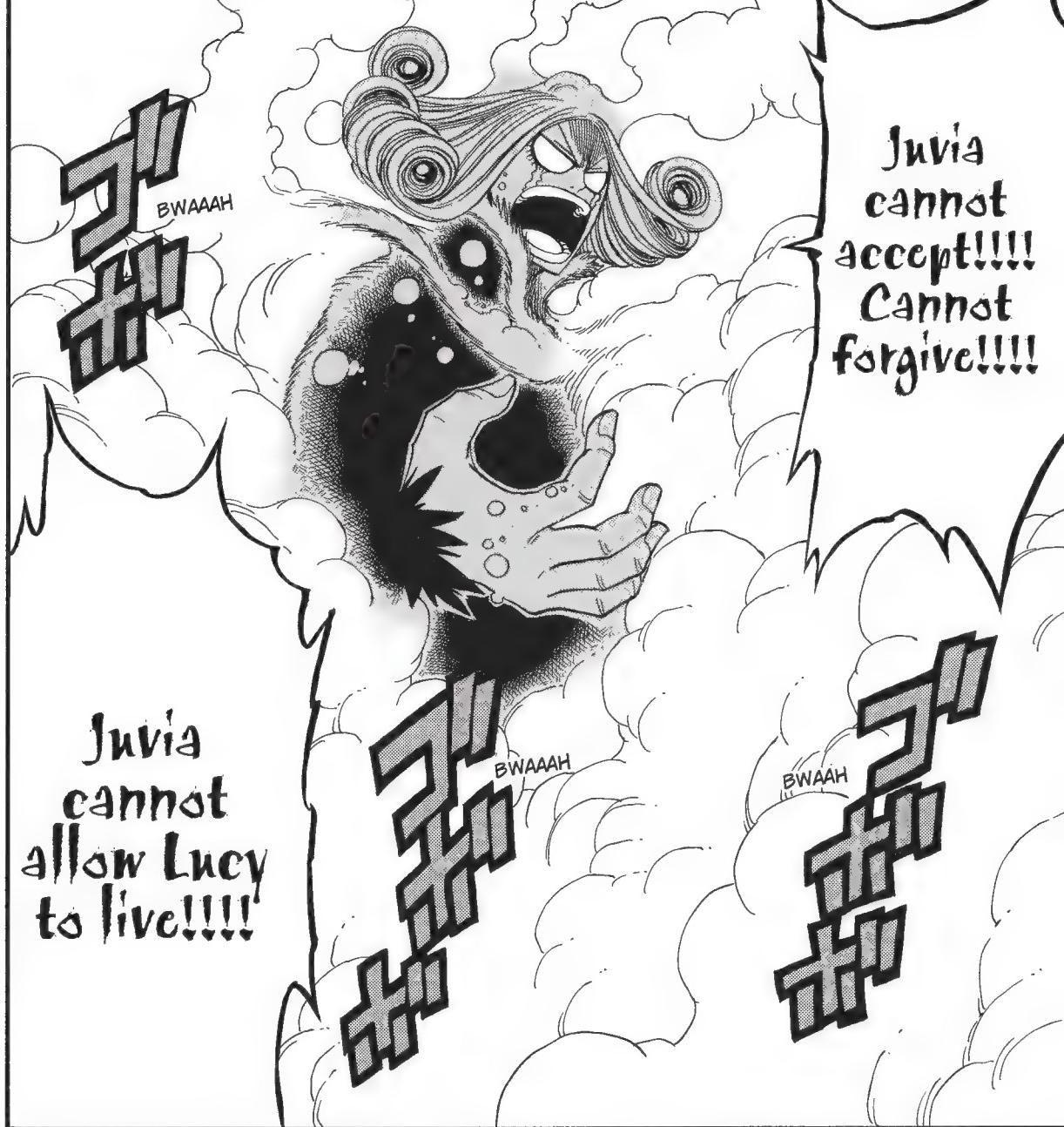


Battle
Axe!!!!









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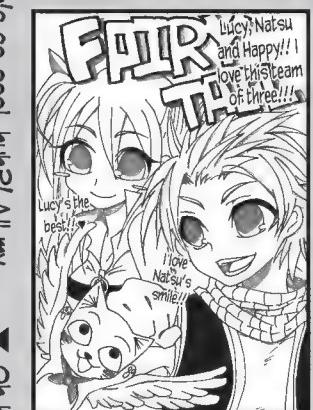
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Fukushima Prefecture, Kasuga Hikari



Oita Prefecture, Kazaneko



Nara Prefecture, Sorano Yukimi



Rejection Corner

All right... Exactly as you wish...
Toyama Prefecture, Impact Absorber



Nagano Prefecture, Getta



Shimane Prefecture, Iruka

Everyone looks like they're having so much fun!! Great facial expressions!

The top three of Fairy Tail!
(Probably.)



Fukushima Prefecture, Narumi



Okayama Prefecture, Ikuma

Non, non, non!! It is not Soru!! It is Monsieur Sol!!

Elfman's popularity is really on the rise!! What did you think of his part in this volume?



Chiba Prefecture, Jelly



Osaka, Haruna

Maybe the "Entei" (Fire Empress) armor will come some time later in the manga... (sweat, sweat)

Everybody cheer!!! Huray! Huray! Ma-shi-ma!!



Fukushima Prefecture, Kai



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kaoringo

Well... Let's just leave it at that.
(laughs)

Everybody knows that the Palace of the Water Bearer refers to the star sign Aquarius, right?

Wow!! So cute!! I wonder what kind of dream she's having!



Hokkaido, Takayama Yuki

Will these two fight out their ultimate battle?? What will the outcome be?!!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Orako

GUILD D'ART, STAFF EDITION!!

A bit of artwork that got caught up in the confusion.



Nakamura Shô



Bozu



Ueda Yui



Bobby Ôsawa

I can see why everyone would be nervous.

Mira: That's true. Sometimes the Master says, "I wonder if I'm the next to die!" and "It seems like a real possibility" and "I could just cry!" He seems really worried about it.

Lucy: Oh, dear... (sweat, sweat)

Mira: Let's go to the next question, shall we?



Is the one on the left... really... M-Mira-chan?

Shudder, shudder!

: Eh? Why would anyone bother to ask such an obvious question?

Lucy: B-But there's something about the girl in the picture that doesn't seem like you!

Mira: You think so? Well, I was quite young.♥

Lucy: A-And scary...

Mira: It was a fun time!! Elfman was a loose cannon who I always had to keep my eye on. But we'd go taking Lisanna with us...

: Mira-san...

: And we'd get into all sorts of brawls with Erza or Natsu and the gang...



: Ehhhhh?!!!

Mira: That's what it means to be young, Lucy! Everybody does it, don't they?

Lucy: Normally, girls don't get into that kind of stuff...

Mira: And now on to our last question.



So what exactly is "that"?

Lucy: Urk! That's right!! I never did find out!!

Mira: Heh heh... Oh, of course, "that"!

Lucy: ?

Mira: We're still keeping it a secret.♥

Lucy: What the heck is "that"?!?

We're collecting questions about Fairy Tail! Send them to the address below!

↓
Hiro Mashima
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New York, NY 10016



From the Fairy Tail Bar



: Hello there!! I'm Lucy, the cute and sexy manager of Fairy Tail!!



: The author just loves to draw Lucy, doesn't he... Heh heh.

Lucy: Oh, he's just a lecher!! Really!! All he ever thinks about is sex!!

Mira: Let's get started. We've received a bunch of questions after people read volume 6.



Does the strength of the celestial spirits change according to the magical power of the wizard using them?

Lucy: That's right.

Mira:

Lucy:

Mira: Is that all?

Lucy: I know what you want to say!! That the keys I have to the Twelve Golden Gates are wasted on me, right?

Mira: You knew exactly what I wanted to say.

Lucy: Ow!! That knife in my back hurts!! Sniff...

Mira: But we don't know what the future holds. When Lucy trains herself up to be a powerful wizard, I'd like to see what that bull looks like!

Lucy: Oh, Mira-san!! Sniff...

Mira: Just think of the T-bone barbecue we'll have then!!

: You can't eat him!!!!

Mira: Now on to the next question.



Is Levy-chan still alive?

Lucy: Of course she is!!

Mira: Don't worry. Jet and Droy are alive and kicking too.

: But with the author's previous work, leading characters died off, one after the other.

Little Happy's Job

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Little

This time, our job is to make sure a failing restaurant turns over a new leaf to become very popular.

But I have the feeling that this isn't a job for wizards.

Tomekko Restaurant

We're supposed to make this thing popular?

You underestimate me, Lucy!! It's one step better than what I was imagining!

Yeah, yeah!

Whoa! It's in worse condition than anybody could ever imagine!

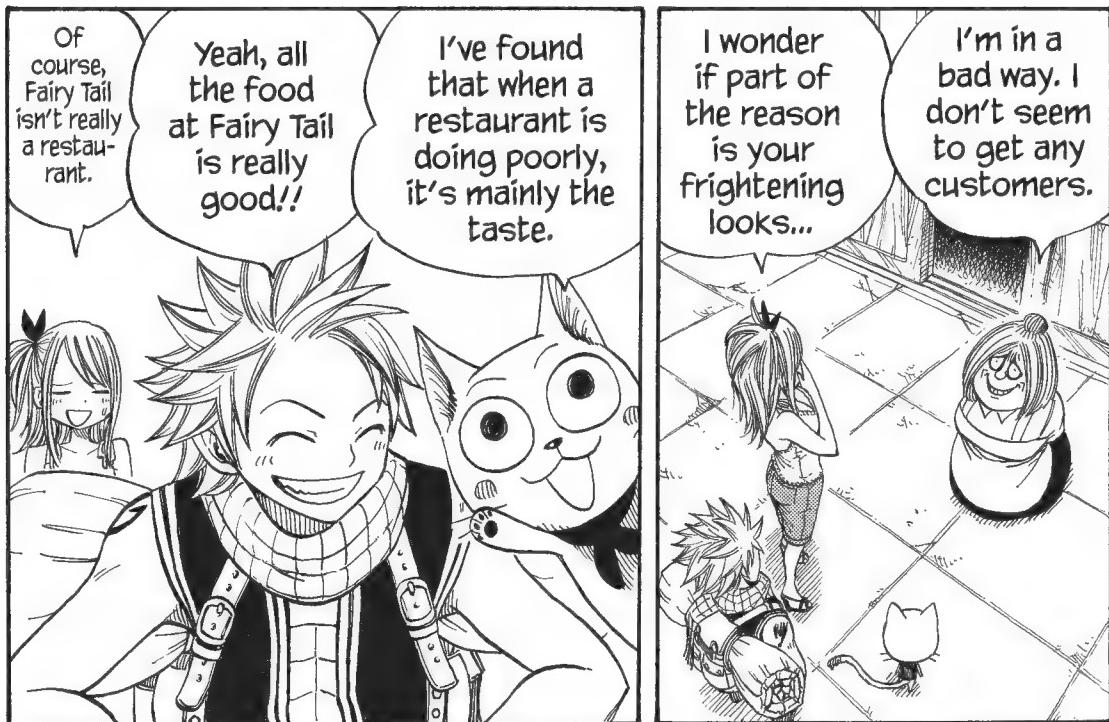
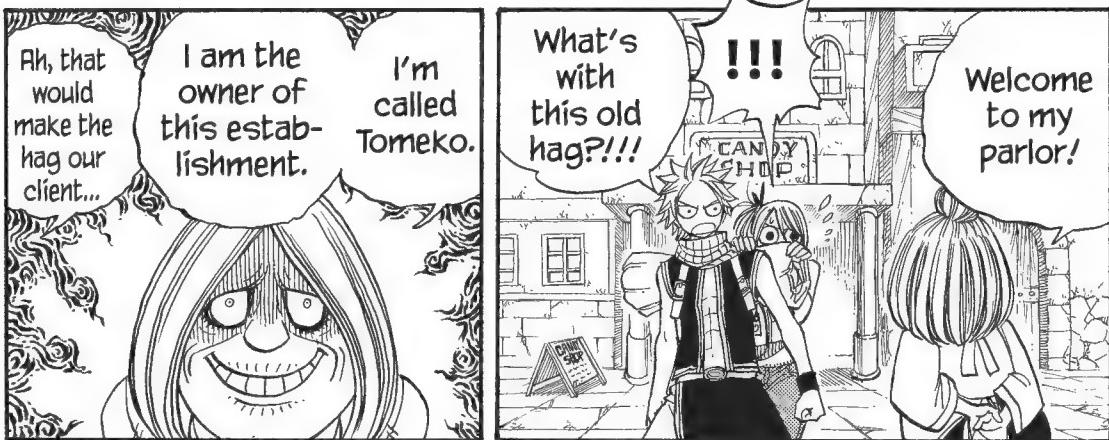
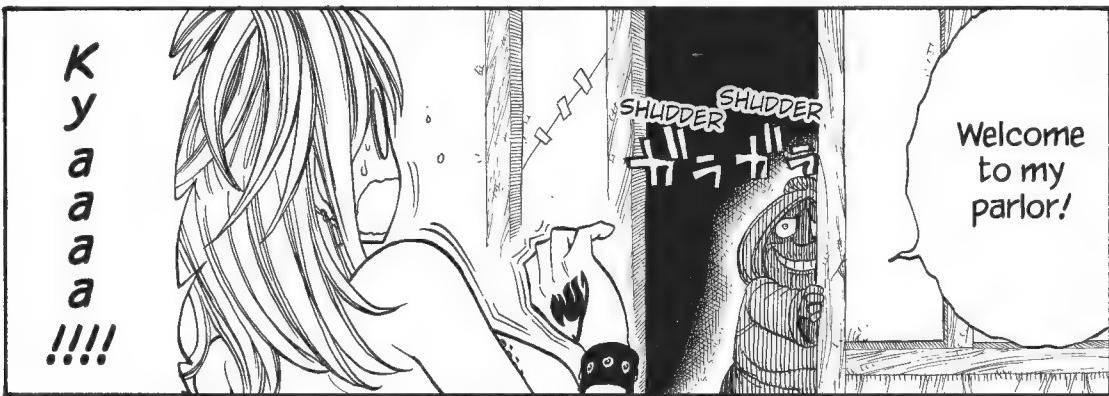
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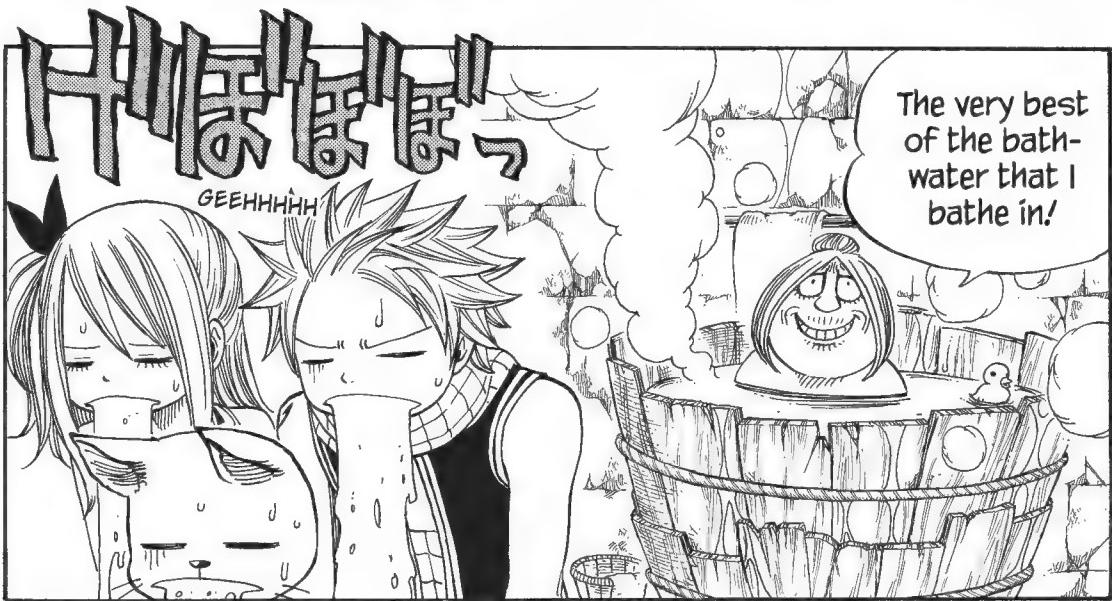
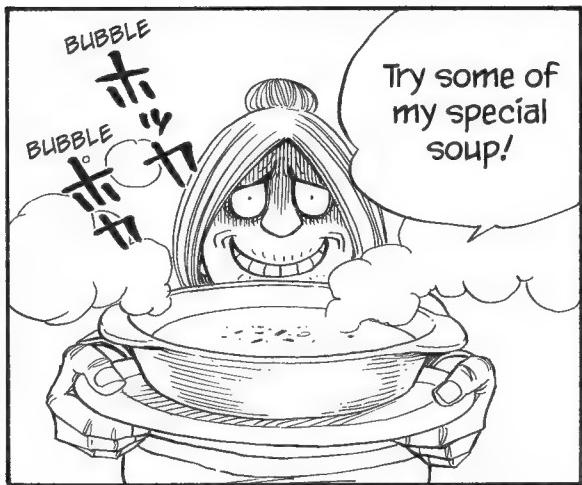
Wha ha!!

BAMM BAMM

KRUMBLE

Wha ha!!! Look at this!! It's totally falling apart!!!





Just try
yelling
that!!!!

GWOOGGH

If you want
great food,
come to
Tomekko
Restaurant!!!!

That'll
scare
them
away!!!

I still
have used-
bath-water
soup for
anybody
who wants
some!!!!



WHOOSH

I have no
choice left.
I'll have to
bring out
the secret
weapon!

Not you
too,
Natsu?!!

But
it tastes
unexpectedly
good!!!!





THE END

AFTERTWORD

I'm sleepy!!! The seasons change, and I just can't keep my eyes open!! (Right now, the season is changing from summer to fall.) Long ago, I could get only a couple of hours sleep and still have lots of energy, but as I get older, that has slowly changed. Even so, I usually get about seven hours of sleep a night, and the other manga authors keep saying things like, "Wow, that's a lot!! I'm jealous!!" But even so, when I get sleepy, I get really sleepy. And with that, and the fact that I do work that takes long hours, I've figured out ways to deal with my sleepiness while I'm drawing my manga!

1 · I talk with the staff.

It depends on how much people are into the conversation, of course, but it can really charge my batteries back up! There are a lot of times when I even forget how sleepy I was! ◎

2 · Coffee and Cigarettes.

I go to the veranda and smoke one cigarette and come back to life! I have the feeling that coffee doesn't work on me anymore, so I use it more as a comfort drink. △

3 · Play.

I watch DVDs, play games, go outside for a bit, and come back refreshed!! But while I'm doing it, I can get absorbed, and the manga doesn't get drawn! △

4 · Sleep.

You know, just stop fighting it and get some sleep! And when you do, you don't just get rid of the sleepiness, you also get your strength back. ◎

Yeah, I know!! When you're sleepy, you should sleep! And to take my own advice...Good night, everybody!!

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in the Nagano prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shonen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: **Wizard**

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madōshi* as "wizard." But *madōshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as *judo* (the soft way) and *kendo* (the way of the sword). *Madō* is the way of magic, and *madōshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds, page 3

"The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds; Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind," is a Japanese proverb (*kotowaza*) that means that nothing in this world is certain.



Konzern, page 36

Konzern is a German word that Japanese sometimes borrows to refer to a business empire.

Lacrima, page 59

Lacrima is Latin for "tear" and the word has been used in Japanese to describe certain types of crystals and beads. The Fairy Tail universe seems to use the word for magical crystals.



Final ace, page 80

This is an approximate translation. In Japanese, Jose said, "You will never have your triumphal song." That doesn't really come across in English as well as I wanted it to, so I changed the reference to playing aces in cards, which conveyed the same feeling without the unusual concept.

Salut, page 132

Salut is French for "greetings."

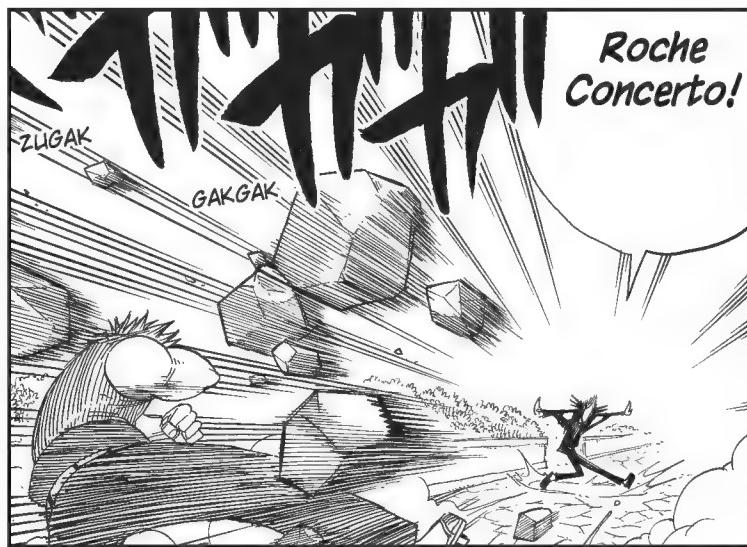


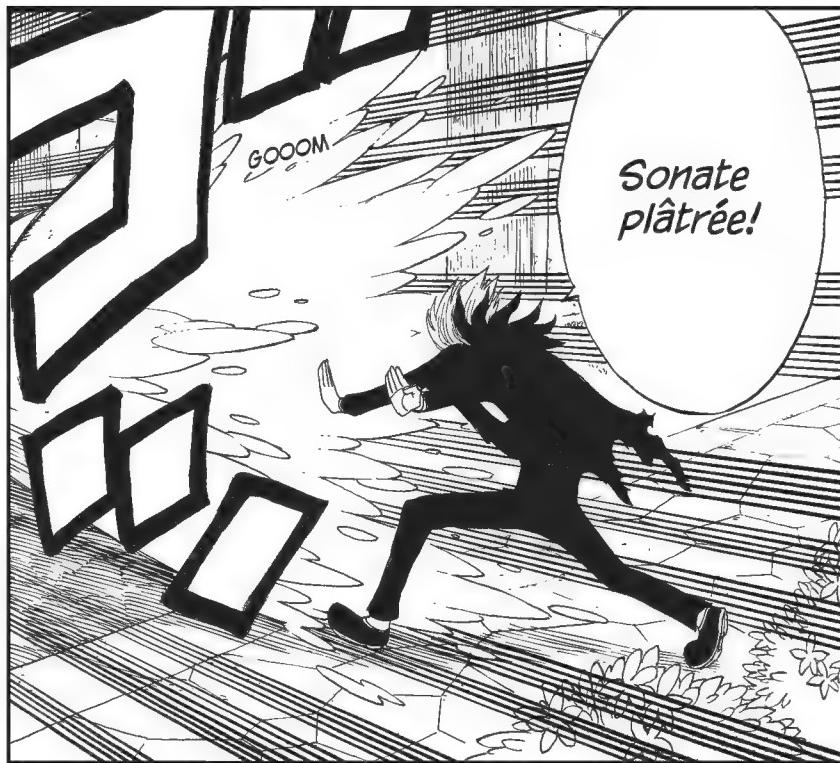
**Sable Dance,
page 137**

Sable is French for
"sand."

**Roche Concerto,
page 138**

Roche is French for
"rock."





Sonate plâtrée, page 142

Sonate plâtrée is French for “Plaster sonata.”



Quoi?, page 146

Of course, *quoi* means “what” in French.



maneki neko, page 190

Most Japanese businesses have a ceramic cat figure with one paw raised in a "come here"-like invitation and a traditional-style gold coin held close to its body. It is a good-luck charm made especially for businesses (but other establishments may also use it). The raised paw is an invitation for customers to come and the gold coin represents financial success.

Circles/triangles/X-marks, page 191

After Mashima-sensei describes his methods for staying awake, he gives them a rating. This rating is very common among Japanese. The circle \circ represents a yes vote, or a stamp of approval. The triangle \triangle represents a flawed answer that may have good points, but doesn't really cut it. The no vote, or an answer that is completely wrong, is represented by an X-mark, X.



I went to a signing in Taiwan!!
They gave me such a warm
and passionate welcome!
Some of the fans even brought
me bouquets of flowers!
Really! I was so happy to
be able to have such close
contact with the fans!
I got carried away and
shouted, "Everybody!! I love
you all!" For some reason,
that got printed in the local
newspapers.

—Hiro Mashima

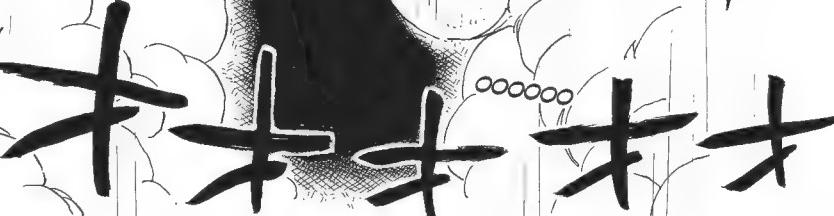
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Juvia
cannot
accept!!!

Juvia can-
not allow
Lucy to
live!!!!



Boiling
water?!

SHH

Oww!

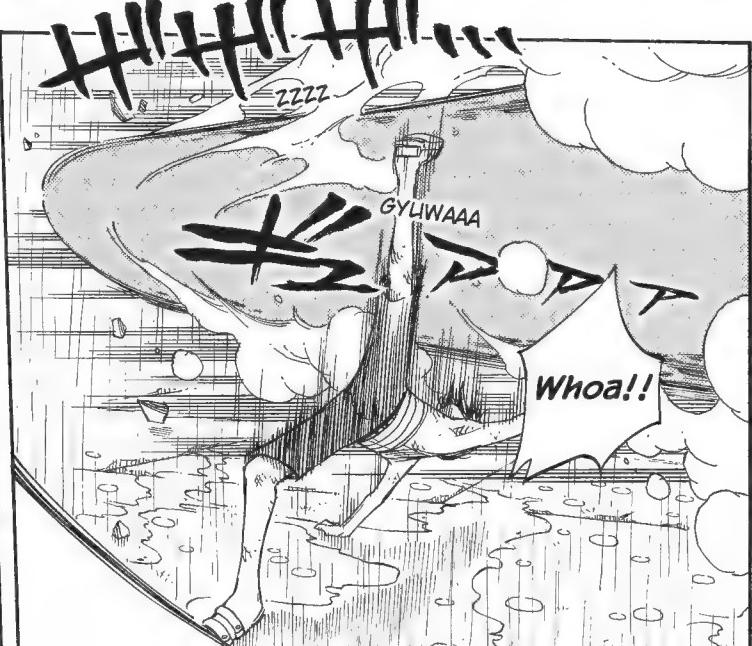
Tsk!

ZABWAAAAA

Sierra!!!!

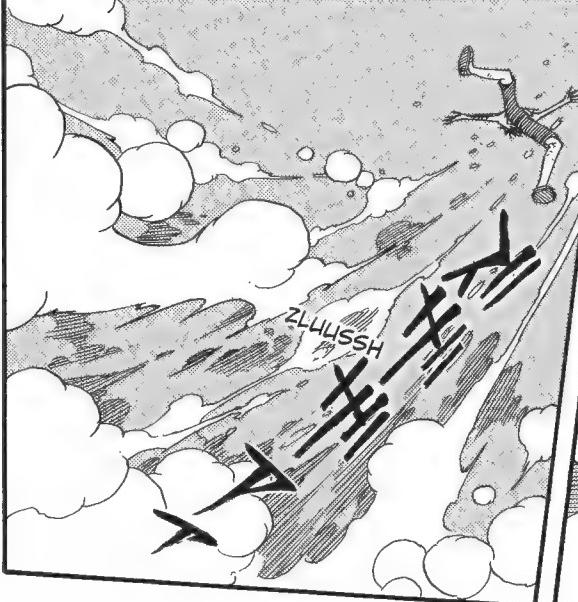
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